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## EX-POLICE RESERVIST AS WITNESS.

Volunteer in Alleged Arson Case.

KEEN CROSS-EXAMINATION.

When the case of alleged arson was resumed at the Assizes this morning, Leng Luk-tsun, master of the Sang Loong hardware shop, Belchers Street, gave evidence against the first accused.

He said that he first made the acquaintance of No. 1 on August 16, and saw him several times until September 1, since when he had not been seen. He had a conversation with No. 1 concerning the sale of a ship to No. 1 through him (witness). This was about August 25 or 26. He then told the accused that a friend of his in official circles in Canton had a ship which was seized by accused, and he (witness) wished to effect a settlement between the parties.

### Insurance Rules.

During this conversation, witness alleged, No. 1 inquired the rules and regulations in Hong Kong relating to insurance, and witness told him that the rules of every insurance Company were about the same, adding: "You can get the rules from them." About half-an-hour later, the accused asked: "Is the commission of arson in Hong Kong a very serious crime?" Witness replied: "Ten years imprisonment." They did not discuss anything else.

Witness concluded his evidence by saying: "He owes me some money and has not paid me. I came here as a voluntary witness."

### Ship Seized.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, the witness said that the money accused owed him was balance due on the ship. Witness did not know that the ship was seized by accused in Admiralty action in that Court. Witness denied that he was sent down from Canton to act as middle man.

Mr. Jenkin: How did you come to know the accused? Through an introduction by a friend of mine named Yam Mang-lai. I was acting for the person who had bought the ship. His name is also Kim.

Is he a Canton official?—No, he lives in Yumait.

He bought the ship from the Canton Naval authorities?—Yes. This ship was previously seized by the pickets in the 1925 strike?—I don't know that.

Do you still say that you do not know that it was seized here by action in the Hong Kong Court?—I have no idea of that.

What is the name of the ship?—Wah Sang.

### "Free Vessel."

It was called the Chi Yau in Canton?—It was known in Canton as the Chi Yau Lam, which means "free vessel."

Previous to ownership by the Canton authorities this ship belonged to No. 1?—I don't know that.

Ever heard of the Siu Lai S.S. Co.?—No.

Apparently you spent all your time talking about arson and did not learn anything about the ship?—Replying to another question, the witness said that the figure agreed upon for the sale of the ship was \$7,500 in cash \$2,250 in a promissory note.

Mr. Jenkin: Both these sums represent the purchase price?—Yes.

Would it be a surprise to you to learn that in the assignment the purchase price is given as \$7,500 only?—That is true; the \$2,250 was not mentioned there.

Do you swear that the \$2,250 is part of the purchase price?—It was considered as compensation to the seller who is not the sole owner of the ship.

A Very Happy Term.

Compensation is a very happy term. You were to get a share of the \$2,250?—No, I did not get a cent.

It is because you did not get anything, that you are here today as a witness?—Nothing was promised to me out of that.

Mr. Jenkin: How did you know that the ship was seized by the pickets in the 1925 strike?—I don't know that.

Mr. Jenkin: Did you go up in uniform?—I am not a Police Reservist, how can I go up in uniform?—I am sorry, I did not know.

## CHILDREN AT HOME ARE HEALTHIER.

Report Shows Lower Rate of Disease.

40,000 BABIES SAVED.

Rugby, Yesterday.

An encouraging report on school medical services for 1929 by the Chief Officer, Sir George Newman, is issued to-day. In general, malnutrition among school children has not increased in spite of unemployment and the bad times. Preventive medicine and enlightened motherhood have reduced the infant mortality rates, so that 40,000 lives are saved annually that would have been lost generation ago. That there is no corresponding improvement in the sickness rate among school children is accounted for partly by a more thorough inspection and partly by the temporary decline in stamina and the resistance to disease relatively to general when the infant mortality rate was higher. Disease and disability, however, affects only one quarter of the children and consists chiefly of remediable minor ailments which show a decline in severity.—British Wireless Service.

Canton officials?—No; he paid money to buy this ship.

He was the vendor to No. 1?—Yes.

Do you say that all that you have done as middle man was done for love?—No, for the sake of money. No. 1 promised me \$500 to get the sale through, and he did not pay me.

The \$500 is not part of the promissory note for \$2,250?—No.

How is it you happened to give evidence for the Crown in this case?—I went to the Police of my own accord. I had sued him.

His Lordship: When?—On September 7 or 8.

Had you a solicitor?—Yes, Mr. Remedios.

Mr. Jenkin: Did the case come to Court?—The summons was not served.

### Hiding Alleged.

Why?—Because he was in hiding.

How do you know he was in hiding?—I have been several times to the Tin Sang Tong and he was not there.

Every time you go to look for a person and he is not at his house, do you say he is in hiding?—No; but in his case I was called often and was told by folks that he had gone to Macao. On one occasion a friend told me that he had been seen in the streets. I went to look for him and was told that he had gone to Macao.

Do you know that at the date of the issuing of your writ he was almost daily at the offices of Messrs. Deacons putting through the scale of the ship, which was completed on September 18?—The sale was completed about August 30.

Why did you go to the Police Station?—On the morning of September 19 I read in the newspaper of the attempted arrest at his (accused's) place, 77, Wing Lok Street.

So you went up as fast as your legs could carry you?—I saw Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds.

An Ex-Police Reservist.

Have you ever been to the Police Station before?—Yes, I was a Police Reservist for four years.

You went up because of the conversation you had had with No. 1 about insurance and arson?—No.

Then, what light did you think you could have thrown on the path of justice?—I wanted to assist in the arrest of No. 1, not because he owed me \$500, but because of the \$2,250 owing to my friend on the promissory note of which I was a witness, and I was being blamed for accused's default.

Witness said that he saw Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds at about 11 a.m. on September 19 and told him about the promissory note.

Mr. Jenkin: Did you go up in uniform?—I am not a Police Reservist, how can I go up in uniform?—I am sorry, I did not know.

## BANDITS CAPTURE HUNAN CITY.

Four Thousand Rebel Soldiers on the March.

OUTLAWS' LEADER.

Canton, Yesterday.

The Communist-bandits, numbering over 4,000, under Li Ming-shui, who having been incorporated into the rebels' forces under Pei Hsueh-hsi, had been stationed along Ho-chi and Tung-lan-chow, in Northern Kwangsi, suddenly revolted against Pei, marched into the Hunan territory, and assaulted Sui-ning, in south-eastern Hunan, on December 25, which city fell subsequently, due to the small number of regulars. With the capture of Sui-ning, the Communists made their headway in the direction of Wu-kiang, aiming at the occupation of Paokang.

### Red Invasion.

Learning of the Communist invasion, General Ho Chien, C-in-C. of the 4th Route Army, has lost no time in despatching the two brigades under Liu Chi-yen and Chang Chi-liang together with the garrison units under Tuan Hin to the Pao-Wu line to strengthen the defence and to intercept the Red hordes. The Government reinforcements arrived at Paokang on December 26, passing Lung-kiang, Tso-fah, and Chang-shui on December 27, and Wang Kiu on December 28 en route to Wu-kiang. The Kweichow troops under Wang Chia-lien, who participated in the campaign against the Ironside-Kwangsi insurgents, now massing at the Kwangsi-Hunan border, have been requested by General Ho Chien to stage a coup at the rear of the Communists in Sui-ning.

### Li Ming-shui's career.

It will be recalled that Li Ming-shui was formerly a guardian of Hankow and a divisional commander of Li Taung-yen. At the outbreak of the Kwangsi rebellion, the former turned over to the Central Government, thus bringing the Kwangsi faction a collapse in Hupoh. Shortly afterwards, Li Ming-shui was promoted to the 7th Army Commander and transferred to Kwangsi in company with the ex-Kwangsi Chairman Yu Cho-pak. Having been influenced by the 3rd International, Li and Yu attempted to establish a Soviet Government in that province. Yu took his flight to other countries, when the Communists were seriously crushed by the Government troops.

### Plunder of Cities.

In spite of his failure, Li Ming-shui has so far remained in the Communist camp, trying every possibility in recruiting bandits to increase his rank. Now taking advantage of the weak defence in southern Hunan, he has led his Communist-bandits attempting to capture some cities, with the object of looting the merchants and enlisting more inhabitants into his army.

The outlaws will entrench themselves in the mountain again upon the arrival of Government reinforcements, as their main object is to avoid any direct encounter with large contingent of Government forces, but to plunder those cities where regulars are in a small number.—Canton News Agency.

## PEOPLE'S PARLEY.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES FOR CHINESE CONFERENCE. CONVENED NEXT YEAR.

Nanking, Yesterday.

It is learned that the National Government Council has adopted regulations regarding the election of delegates for the National People's Conference, which it is believed, will be convened next year. There will be about 450 delegates, who will be nominated by public bodies designated by the Central Government.—Reuter.

G. F. Chapman, editor of the Country Guide, predicts that the year 1931 will see orchards of standard eating apples in all parts of the Pacific, where the climate is suitable.

## MARSHAL JOFFRE DYING.

Last Sacraments Given to Famous Soldier.

HUSHED CROWDS.

Paris, Yesterday.

Remarkable scenes occurred outside the nursing home where, Marshal Joffre, to whom, it is now disclosed, the last Sacraments were administered on December 26, relapsed into unconsciousness after an amazing display of vital energy, following the amputation of a leg, the crowd in hushed tones while the street grew all day long, chatting in hushed tones while motor cars in endless numbers stopped at the door, bearing distinguished visitors enquiring the latest news.

A bulletin issued at 5.30 p.m. announced that Marshal Joffre had entered a state of coma.

### Little Hope.

The doctor attending Marshal Joffre stated this morning that there is little hope of his lasting until to-morrow.—Reuter.

## LAID TO REST.

FUNERAL OF CHAPLAIN TO THE FORCES.

GOVERNOR PRESENT.

The funeral of the Rev. W. F. Criswell, M.C., M.A., Chaplain to the Forces, was held at the Protestant Cemetery, yesterday.

## DRIZZLE OR MIST.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:—

The anti-cyclone central over S.E. Mongolia has strengthened further.

Strong monsoon prevails along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Forecast:—N. E. winds; strong; generally overcast; some drizzle or mist; cold.

Rainfall:—To-day nil. Rainfall since January 1, 98.03 inches against an average of 83.10.

Temperature:—The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	64
Macao	63
Pratas Island	72
Manila	72
Foochow	60
Amoy	58
Swatow	59
Chefoo	26
Shanghai	41

that Cemetery, this morning, full military honours being accorded. There was a very large attendance, which included H. E. the Governor (Sir William Peel, K.B.E.) and his A.D.C. H.E. the General Officer Commanding was represented by his A.D.C.

Detachments from every regiment and unit in the China Command were present, including Naval and Royal Air Force contingents. The South Wales Borderers' massed band attended, and their bugles sounded the Last Post. The firing party also consisted of men from the Borderers.

There was a profusion of floral tributes laid on the grave.

## MR. TIM MURPHY.

27 YEARS IN THE POLICE FORCE.

Mr. Timothy Murphy, Second Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, will to-day receive the congratulations of his many friends on the completion of 27 years' service in the Police Force. His career in the Force is as under:—

Appointed Police Constable, December 30, 1903.

Lance-Sergeant, April 15, 1908.

Police Sergeant, January 1, 1914.

Sub-Inspector, April 27, 1920.

Inspector, August 1, 1922.

Acting Chief Detective Inspector, June 25, 1927.

Chief Detective Inspector, November 24, 1928.

Acting Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, March 1, 1929.

## INJUNCTION ENDS BITTER STRUGGLE.

Opposition to Merger of U.S. Steel Company.

QUESTION OF SHARES.

Youngstown, Ohio, Yesterday.

The Court's decision is a sequel to the bitter six-months' legal struggle instigated by the opponents of the merger. The Court decided that the Youngstown directors did not give stockholders adequate information when asking them to approve of the merger. The judgment also attacks the ratio of the share exchange (whereby Youngstown stockholders receive one and a third Bethlehem shares for each Youngstown share, on the ground that no definite conclusion was possible that the ratio was adequate.—Reuter's American Service.

### Financial Fight.

Youngstown, O., Yesterday.

An injunction has been granted against the Bethlehem and Youngstown steel sheet and tube merger. The Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company was one of the last independent steel companies in the United States. Its shareholders approved the merger with the Bethlehem Steel Corporation last April, after one of the most spectacular financial fights of recent years in Ohio.

The merger represented a capital amounting to \$300,000,000.—Reuter's American Service.

## RIVAL FACTIONS.

"BOYS" FROM MILITARY CAMPS IN TROUBLE.

WOODEN BENCH IN FIGHT.

Two "Boys" from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' camp at Sharnshippo appeared before Mr. Butters in the Kowloon Police Court to-day, charged with assaulting Tang Yuen in Ki Lung Street. They were also charged with assaulting Ip Ting-lan, and Lo Hon at 13, Ki Lung Street.

The accused, Ku Shun-chang, and Kea Shiu-chi, are natives of Shantung. They were stated to have ousted the first complainant, who is also a "boy" in the camp, from a job to which he was detailed. Tang Yuen later met the two accused and three other Shantung men, who chased him. He entered a shop at 13, Ki Lung Street. The pursuers were prevented from entering by two foks of the shop, who were the other complainants. A fight ensued between the rival factions, and upon the appearance of the Police the two accused were arrested, but the other three Shantung men ran away.

The two shop foks who were assaulted in trying to prevent the Shantung men from entering the shop, described the fight, in which a wooden bench seemed to have been freely used. Both accused denied entering the shop and assaulting the foks, and added that Tang Yuen owed them money, which they were trying to get.

Mr. Butters convicted, both accused being fined \$5 on each charge and bound over for six months in the sum of \$50 each.

## STORE BURGLED.

Lam Ming-sun, foreman of the Nam Sang contractors' company, at 144, Sai Yung Choi Street, in a report made to the Police, stated that between 7 p.m. of December 28 and six o'clock yesterday morning, some person obtained access to the company's dynamite store, on a hillside in Argyll Street, by means of a key.

The haul taken comprised 450 sticks of dynamite, 250 detonators and 25 coils of fuses to the total value of \$110.

## WESTERN MARKET TRAGEDY.

The hearing of the Western Market tragedy, in regard to which Ng Kin stands on the capital charge, will open on Friday at 2.15 p.m., this date being fixed by Mr. E. H. Williams, in the Central Police Court this morning. Mr. T. Murphy, Second A.D.C., is appearing for the Crown. Mr. A. J. Corry is for the defence.

## NO - TAX CAMPAIGN IN INDIA.

Civil Disobedience Move Intensified.

FALSE RUMOURS.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Government of India's weekly appreciation says that reports received from the Provincial Governments, for the first half of December show in most provinces an attempt to intensify the various activities of the civil disobedience movement. Bengal records revived activity in Calcutta, including picketing, and also in some districts in the Hooghly area, but in other districts there has been no change of importance.

In the United Provinces the efforts of Congress are mainly directed toward the organisation of a no-revenue and no-rent campaign and to exploiting the general agricultural depression, and there have been several cases of violence, but otherwise the situation has shown little change. In the Punjab there has been no particular change in the Sikh situation and attempts to revive the agitation and picketing are not serious in extent.

### Effect of Rumours.

Revived activity has been particularly marked in Bihar and Orissa, where in several districts there has been a general increase of interest in the civil disobedience movement, which has taken the form of picketing, the circulation of the false rumours calculated to increase excitement and unrest, and the encouragement of non-payment of taxes. There were several instances of violent resistance to the Police.

The situation in Madras continued very satisfactory and in the central provinces and Assam attempts to revive enthusiasm met with little success. On December 23 the Governor-General promulgated two Ordinances providing for the better control of the Press and the prevention of the instigation to refuse payment of certain liabilities. The reasons necessitating this action were given by the Governor-General in a statement on the promulgation of the Ordinances, but it may be mentioned that the deterioration in the tone of the Press has been very rapid during the present month and there has been a very definite intensification of the no-tax campaign, especially in the United Provinces. Bombay City had been comparatively quiet during week ended Saturday last.

Reports from Gujarat show that there is still a considerable migration from British territory to that of adjacent Indian States, which is partly due to organised intimidation. Reports have been received of rioting and disorder on a considerable scale in the Tharwaddy district of Burma. It has been necessary to call out troops to deal with the situation, which has not yet been brought under control. The causes of the outbreak are as yet obscure.

A determined attempt was made at Lahore on December 23 to assassinate the Governor of the Punjab, who had a providential escape. The outrage has caused great resentment among all classes in the Punjab and various meetings have expressed condemnation of the terrorist movement.

### Round Table Parley.

The Indian Round Table Conference to-day resumed work after the Christmas recess, when the North-East Frontier Provinces Sub-committee met under the Chairmanship of Mr. Arthur Henderson. Recognition of the need of some material change in the administration of the five settled and administered districts of the Province has been a feature of the various reports made from time to time, and during the general debate to-day it was agreed that the Province could not permanently be denied some share in the constitutional advance which the rest of India enjoyed. Even those who demand a great advance, however, admit that special circumstances make it necessary for the assumption of executive powers to be gradual.

The general anxiety to remove any sense of inferiority led to the suggestion that, assuming the province remained a separate unit, the constitution might be so drafted as to permit of this gradual extension of the executive powers. Issues that are likely to arise include the question of whether there should be a Legislative Council, and if so, its composition and powers, whether the franchise should be direct or indirect; the methods of securing representation of the minorities; the relations between the legislature and the executive and special powers which should be vested in the Chief Commissioner or Lieutenant Governor.

## CHINA'S NEW TARIFF SCHEDULE.

No Duties Higher Than Fifty Per Cent.

EXEMPTED GOODS.

Nanking, Yesterday.

China's new tariff schedule, which was promulgated this morning, shows no duties higher than 60 per cent., which applies to wines, tobacco, spirits, liquors, table waters, and certain classes of silk goods.

Among the exempted goods are books, papers, cereals, flour, gold, and silver bullion. Arms and ammunition show an increase of from 22½ to 40 per cent. Other increases are as follows:—

China ware: 7½ to 40 per cent.

Carpets: 17½ to 40 per cent.

Motor Cars: 22½ to 30 per cent.

Motor trucks: 12½ to 15 per cent.

Chocolate, cocoa, and coffee: 17½ to 30 per cent.

Tea: 15 to 30 per cent.

Cotton, clothing and haberdashery: 12½ to 25 per cent.

Dyes: 17½ to 25 per cent.

Toilet soap: 10 to 30 per cent.

Matches: 7½ to 40 per cent.

Telegraph, telephone and radio equipment remains the same, at 12½ per cent., while the duties on railway material and locomotives are reduced from 10 to five per cent. The duty on cotton piece goods shows a rise from 7½ to 12 per cent.—Reuter.

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### Law and Order.

The problem of maintenance of law and order and the more general question of defence occupied much of the Sub-committee's time and, more particularly, as to how responsibility for the preservation of law and order, in view of the special circumstances, could be transferred to any new executive that might be set up. The discussion will be resumed to-morrow, when Sir Denys Bray, the eminent authority on the subject, will attend.—British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday.

Attempts to intensify the civil disobedience activities in most provinces are recorded in the Government of India's weekly appreciation. There has been a revival of the disobedience movement in Calcutta, including a renewal of picketing.

Congress followers in the United Provinces are making an effort to organise a no tax and no rent campaign, whilst attempts have been made to revive the agitation in the Punjab, which so far have not been serious. A revival of activities is particularly marked at Bihar and Orissa and in several districts where the movement has taken the form of more picketing. A revival of false rumours is calculated to increase the excitement and unrest and encourage the non-payment of taxes.—Reuter.

### Outbreak in Burma.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Commissioner's report on the recent Burma outbreak states:—

"The facts of the outbreak are as follows:—The rebels came from the villages south-west of Tharwaddy and north-east of Insein. Their advance started without any attempts to represent grievances. The rebels committed 'brutal outrages, murdering native officers, Europeans and private persons without distinction of race or station, and looting houses and destroying property, and have shown themselves outlaws deserving no sympathy. They can plead no excuse either on political or economic grounds.

It is essential for the peace of the loyal and lawabiding subjects that a rising of this kind be dealt with as rapidly as possible, and with all the forces at the disposal of the Government. Two companies of troops, British and Indian, have already arrived at Tharwaddy, and a battalion of Burma Rifles arrives to-day.

The Police have already achieved considerable success, and the situation is improving daily."



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GOLD SHORTAGE  
FEAR.  
U.S. and the Silver  
Value.

While fears of a shortage of gold within the next ten years arise from statistics compiled under the authority of the League of Nations, American experts are urging that the catastrophic low value and purchasing power of silver ought to be raised, says the Daily Mail during mail week.

This, they argue, would result in an enormous gain to British trade and combat the world-wide economic depression. The restoration of the faith of the Oriental world in the purchasing power of silver would check the demoralisation which the forces of disorder are exploiting throughout the East.

The disquieting possibility of the world's supply of new gold coming to an end in the not very remote future emerges from statistics contained in the interim report of the League of Nations Gold Delegation.

The annual world output of gold to-day is approximately £83,000,000. It is estimated that a slight increase in the next three years will be followed by gradual decline until 1940, falling to £55,000,000 in 1950, after which the decrease will be more rapid as existing mines are worked out.

South Africa accounts for more than 50 per cent. of the world's gold production, but the difficulties and prohibitive cost of working at deep levels, as the upper veins become exhausted, point to a rapid decline in output after 1940.

There is any likelihood of discovering fresh sources of any importance is not believed by many leading geologists, who say that the earth has now been fully prospected. On the other hand, it is stated that Canadian resources have not yet been properly touched, and the estimate for 1940 is £22,500,000.

Of the £772,000,000 worth of gold produced during the last years, jewellers and the like required £162,000,000, while India absorbed £195,000,000, leaving £415,000,000 only to be added to the stocks of gold money. Should fashions in jewellery and ornaments change, and the demand from India increase, the shortage in gold would become even more acute.

As no reduction in the demand for gold for industrial purposes is likely, only about one half of the total production will continue to be available for currency and banking purposes. Reduction in world output, therefore, will mean that by 1940 the supply for the latter purposes will not exceed five or six

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Hong Kong, 10th September, 1930.

STATISTICS IN  
BUSINESS.A New Retail Trade  
Index.

At the Northern Council Conference of the Incorporated Association of Retail Distributors, which was held at Scarborough during October, Professor Henry Clay, economic adviser to the Securities Management Trust, delivered an address on "The Significance and Value of Index Figures, with special reference to that in course of preparation for retail trade."

Pointing out the directions in which economic statistics might be of service to the business man, Professor Clay said that where there was any business competition, it was necessary to form some sort of estimate of how one man's performance compared with that of his competitors. Since they would not usually publish figures of turnover, etc., the only chance of getting a reliable standard by which to measure a concern's progress is by combining with competitors to compile and circulate figures for the industry as a whole.

"Since trade is always either on the up grade or the down grade," said Professor Clay, "you cannot know, unless you have precise and reliable information about the course of your trade as a whole, whether an improvement in your own turnover is due to your own superior efficiency or to an upward movement of trade in general, or whether a falling off in your own trade is due to circumstances peculiar to your own business, which you should be able to remedy, or to circumstances depressing your competitors, as well as yourself."

"Of course, you may make a guess; and the difference between the successful and the unsuccessful business man often lies in the greater accuracy of the former's guesses. But the quality of your guesses will be improved, if they are constantly directed by some external objective record. Statistics are no substitute for judgment; their use is to check and discipline and refine the judgment on which in the last resort business decisions depend."

The other practical purpose that statistics served related to trade fluctuations. Anything that would enable the business man to judge the changing economic situation better, by improving the accuracy of his forecast, would make his errors less, and so lessen trade fluctuations. To contribute to this end was the chief object of the mass of statistics of prices, productions, and stocks which the Governments and trade associations of all countries had built up. But in this country until recently they had been without any information of an exact quantitative character of the movement of goods and stocks at the very point at which they pass into consumption in the most important market—i.e., in retail trade in the home market.

## Price Index Desirable.

"The retail trade index that Mr. Lloyd's enterprise has created," the speaker said, "goes far to fill this gap. With time its utility will be enormously increased in two ways; it will reveal and measure long-term trends of fashion and habit in consumption and it will provide a basis for an exact calculation of seasonal fluctuation in different departments of retail trade. Its value, however, depends on its representative character, and this in turn depends on the support which our members of the retail distributing trade give it by supplying the returns on which it is based. "One important addition that would enormously increase its value, and at the same time supply the most serious defect in our price statistics, would be a retail price index. Such an index would be difficult to construct, but not impossible. What would be needed would be an agreed selection of standard commodities, the character and quality of which do not vary materially; monthly average retail prices of these could then be collected, and worked up into an index number."

## LAND SALES.

Yesterday at the P.W.D., New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1435 at Shumshupo, consisting of 19,895 square feet, with an annual rental of \$182, was sold to Messrs. Dor Sing-chi and Li Wanyu for \$62,100, the upset price was \$39,790.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2424 in Tung Choi Street, Mong Kok Tsui, consisting of about 2,170 square feet, was sold to Mr. Lok Wing on behalf of Tsang Hing at \$7,000, while New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1434, consisting of 4,397 square feet, was sold to Mr. Chan Chung-ping at \$13,000. At the same sale, Garden Lot No. 77 in Stubbs Road, consisting of about 9,400 square feet, was sold to Mrs. Chanung Po for the upset price of \$470.

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SOFT DRINKS  
SHARES.An Anti-Prohibition  
Drive.

Shareholders in Coca-Cola and Canada Dry Ginger Ale are doubtless surprised to find their shares slumping suddenly, on reports that the increase in anti-prohibition sentiment in the United States threatens eventually their earnings as manufacturers and vendors of "soft drinks." This deserves a world of explanation, says "London Financier" in the Daily Mail on November 4.

In the days before the passage of the Prohibition Amendment to the Federal Constitution, the "wets" in the United States were hopelessly divided. To begin with the "trade" itself was divided. Some ancient quarrel kept the distillers and the brewers apart. To combat the spread of prohibition in the various States, the distillers maintained a small organisation in Cincinnati, as I recall it, which sent out Press matter of a not-too-convincing character.

The brewers had a similar organisation. But active legislative work was left largely to associations of saloon-keepers in the various States, and as it was precisely the unpopularity of the American saloon which had caused the growth of prohibition sentiment, the strategy could scarcely have been worse.

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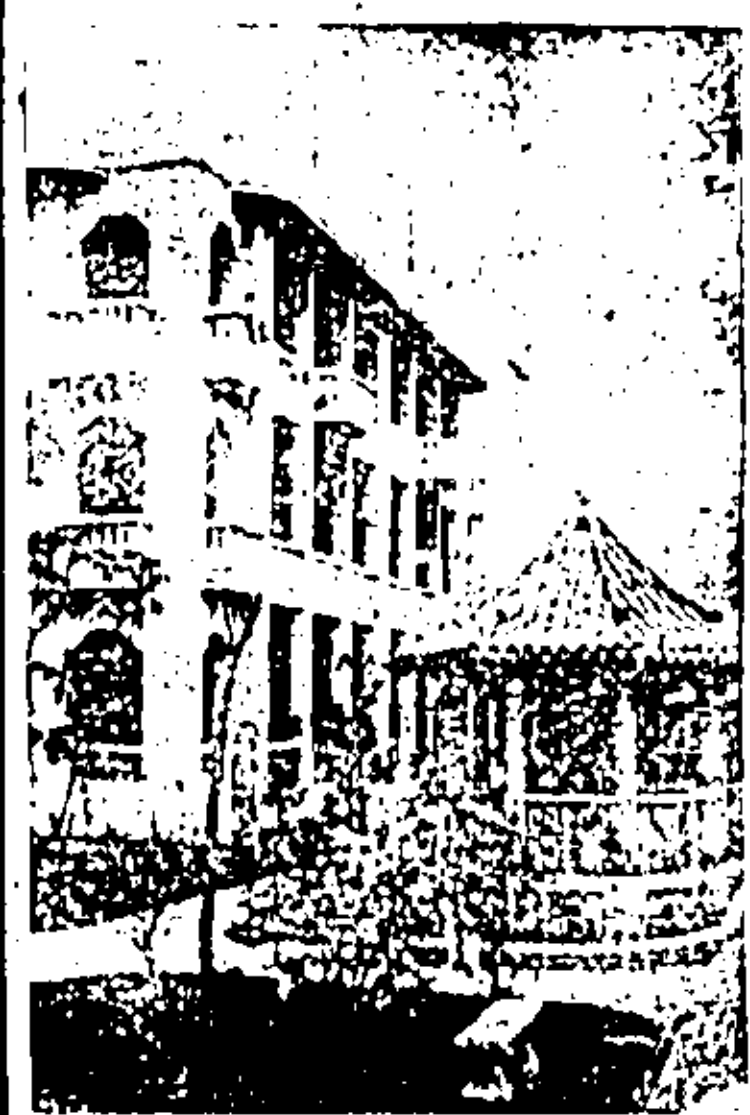
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F. V. JENSEN,

Superintendent  
Hong Kong, December 17, 1930.

**THE EASTERN EXTENSION  
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The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the E.E. Telegraph Co. Office, Hong Kong:—  
Exodus, from Penang.  
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S. LACK,

Superintendent.  
Hong Kong, December 18, 1930.

**HONG KONG HEIGHTS**

For the information of visitors highest points on the Island and the following list of some of the Mainland is published:—

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Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
St. Parker	1754
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
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Tai Kok Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Gibraltar)	297
Mainland.	Feet.
Kowloon Peak	1971
Tai Mo Shan	8124

**GENERAL NOTICES****HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE  
PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.****REMINDER.**

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** is to be at 5.15 p.m. at the CITY HALL on 30th December.

It is earnestly hoped that all members will attend.  
Those wishing to become members will be welcome and are requested to sign a list that will be at the door.

**BANK HOLIDAYS.**

**IN** Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on THURSDAY, 1st. of January, 1931 (New Year's Day).  
Hong Kong 24th December 1930.

**KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.  
British Section.****NOTICE.**

**THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED** that on and from the 1st JANUARY, 1931, all Local and Joint Sectional Fares on this Railway will be revised.

The NEW SCALE OF FARES may be seen at any Local Railway Station.

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**ROBERT BAKER,**  
Manager & Chief Engineer.  
Kowloon, 29th December, 1930.

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**ENDLESS WAR  
AGAINST DRUGS.**

**Wholesale Smuggling  
into France.**

**FAVOURITE PORT.**

Paris, Nov. 4.

Harassed by the impossible task of halting the tide of "dope" smuggled into France every month, members of the French "Dope Squad" heaved sighs of relief to-day when they learned that the League of Nations Opium Committee will suggest in January that the world production of drugs be strictly limited to medical needs.

The French authorities have been fighting a ceaseless and winning battle against wholesale "dope" smuggling into France, especially through the port of Marseilles where tramp steamers dock from the Orient. More than 2,000 "dope" agents are now engaged and during four months, from June to September, seized 27 hundred-weight of narcotics, mostly opium.

The illicit traffic is on an enormous scale and is so thoroughly organised the police have been unable to catch one of the leaders of several large rings. One group is said to be controlled by two Japanese with a large factory in Turkey, while another is directed by a mysterious Greek who owns his own ships and a fleet of fast cars.

**Help of Heat.**

Every ship that docks at Marseilles coming from the Orient is searched from top to bottom and from stern to bow. The "dope" is generally concealed in machinery and pipes and the squad can only get a clue as to its hiding place if the heat cause the drugs to give off an odour. When the squad smell a clue it generally uncovers several hundred pounds of either opium or heroin. The drugs are generally contained in hermetically sealed cans which are pitched over the ship's side and landed at unfrequented coastal points.

The distribution throughout France is also well organised. Heroin has been found concealed in children's hoops which the child was rolling to a customer. Several Chinese have been arrested in Paris for selling false pearls containing dope, while others have been detected selling bags of peanuts containing either opium, morphine or heroin.

The Opium Committee of the League of Nations has decided the only way to check this illicit traffic is to limit the production at the source, in spite of the opposition of the Oriental producers of opium and other drugs. The medical sub-committee of the League has decided that the legitimate consumption of drugs cannot exceed 84½ tons annually throughout the world.

The League now proposes to obtain the limitation of world drug production to the medical needs. This proposition will be considered at Geneva in January, along with definite quotas for each nation. Of the total 84½ tons of narcotics needed for medical use, 56 tons in opium, 10.4 tons each morphine and codeine, 8.8 tons cocaine, and 37 heroin.—United Press.

Some remarkable crops have been gathered in the Lloydminster area this year, running from 40 to 50 bushels to the acre in the case of wheat and from 90 to 100 bushels in the case of oats. There has also been quite an active sale of farming machinery this year, one machinery agent stating that he had sold more threshing outfits this fall than during the past three seasons.

**FOOD FROM SEA  
MOSS.**

**Seaweed Jelly by  
Modern Process.**

**ON SMALL SCALE.**

Washington, Oct. 30.

A new American food derived from sea moss is being developed by the adaptation of modern plant practice to one of Japan's oldest industries, Professor Ross Robertson of the University of California has reported to the American Chemical Society.

Foundation of the industry came about as a result of the finding by Japanese fishermen of ocean vegetation off the coast of California which yields agar, or seaweed jelly.

The discovery of the raw material and its present commercial development are linked with a series of processes which present a curious intermixture of modern chemistry. Prof. Robertson reported.

A discovery by a peasant mountaineer led to the formation of the agar industry in Japan. It was found that upon being frozen, the seaweed jelly, then a rare delicacy in Japanese homes, could be restored to dessert form if it was heated again with water and cooled.

Japan's agar industry to-day is carried on in much the same way as that of the mountaineer. The sea moss is taken to the mountains during the months of December and February where it can be frozen. It is then boiled and dried to produce the jelly.

Artificial Refrigeration.  
A simple establishment in Oriental style was set up in Glendale, Calif., after the discovery of agar in west coast waters. California climate was not suitable for the industry and artificial refrigeration was introduced.

American financial experts renounced the concern and moved it to San Diego where it is now the only one of its kind in the western world. Instead of the crude method used by the Japanese, it is being developed in California through the use of modern machinery.

The limited output of moss harvesters presents the greatest problem. At present \$180 per ton is being paid for crude air-dried moss, and only about one-sixth comes through as refined sugar. West coast operators estimate a steady annual crop of from 1,000 to 2,000 tons of moss could be harvested, thus taking care of a considerable part of the world's demand.—United Press.

**HOSPITAL BURNT.**

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AGO.**

The Grenfell Hospital, situated on Battle Harbour, on the Labrador coast was completely destroyed by fire recently.

Extensive fishing premises were also destroyed and the Marconi station was temporarily crippled. The loss is partially covered by insurance. No loss of life is reported.

(Grenfell Hospital, which was opened three years ago, was founded by Sir Wilfred Grenfell, the celebrated medical missionary, who has spent 39 years in Labrador.)

The total of all grains delivered in Saskatchewan in the 1929-30 crop year, according to the Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa, was 161,996 bushels. Licensed country elevators in the province numbered 3,198 and of these the Pool had 1,046 and the line elevator companies 2,150.

**"A French-Canadian Wedding in 1830"**

A hundred years ago when our great-grand-fathers and grandmothers were marrying and giving in marriage, the French-Canadians made the occasion one of the most colorful and joyous in their lives. Reconstruction of such a wedding with the utmost fidelity to costume and customs has been done by Alderis Bourgeois, Montreal newspaperman and comic writer, who has written a sketch with the above title for the Quebec Festival to be held at the Chateau Frontenac, October 16-18. Musical settings will be by Oscar O'Brien, a Montreal composer and song writer.

One of the old customs was the arrival of uninvited guests, attracted by the good cheer and general gaiety, who paid their debt with song and dance. These will be represented in the sketch by Lionel Dagnall, Merville Balleau, Emile Boucher and Fortunat Champagne, of the Bytown Troubadours, who will keep things moving with true French-Canadian verve, singing in all 16 old wedding songs harmonized by Mr. O'Brien. There will be choruses of men and women's voices, a quartette of young girls, fiddlers and folk dancers.

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Cordova, Alaska, Nov. 27.

The entire scientific world was amazed to-day by the confirmation of reports of the discovery of a huge prehistoric animal in the Arctic regions.

Mr. W. J. McDonald, superintendent of the Chungacha National Forest, and six others, confirmed reports that they have found a prehistoric beast, 24 feet long, frozen in a glacier near Valdez.

Mr. McDonald said the beast he and his colleagues had discovered resembles a mammoth lizard. It was larger than a dinosaur.

The beast had a long tail and a tapering head, and much flesh still clings to the skeleton. It is estimated that, when alive, the animal weighed approximately 1,000 pounds.

Following the confirmation of the reports of Mr. McDonald's discovery the scientific world expressed astonishment, because no animals of the type described by the forest superintendent had ever been known to exist in Arctic regions.

Moreover, dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals of that class are supposed to have lived several millions of years before the ice age.

The skeleton discovered by McDonald will be carefully gathered. A large section of the flesh is being preserved for scientific study. The skeleton will be moved to a museum or some other scientific institution.

Saskatchewan Pool Elevators Limited this year are operating 1,034 elevators, out of 1,060 owned by the company; 14 being closed and 12 under re-construction.

The pool elevator system came into existence in Saskatchewan for the crop year 1925-26, when the company handled 11.26 per cent. of the pool grain of the province and this had risen by the year 1929-30 to 34.1 per cent.

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Scotland Yard have invited application "for a small number of vacant men clerkships in the office of the Commissioner of Police."

An official at New Scotland Yard said that efficiency was the factor that counted. Applicants for the post must be between the ages of 21 and 23 and they must have had a secondary school education, which included the schools generally known as "Public Schools." They were offering a salary of \$132 a year, which would ultimately rise to \$263, inclusive of bonus.

Even to gain an interview with a view to an appointment, an applicant must have passed one of the school certificate examinations, and have had at least two years' clerical experience.

No Written Examination.  
"But what does this appointment lead to ultimately?" the official was asked. He replied:

There is no right of promotion, but only exceptional merit and efficiency will lead to the highest salary of \$363.

"The duties will be purely clerical such as drafting letters, book keeping and usual office routine. There will be no written examination."

"We have already received many applications for the appointments. While the authorities are non-committal regarding promotion to or prospects of highly paid posts, they ask candidates, in the application form, questions not usually associated with a clerkship."

Are You an Athlete?  
Here are a few:

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Particulars of any position of responsibility or distinction held at school or college (prefect, monitor, O.T.C., etc.)?

Languages: State whether you are able to speak or write any modern languages.

Have you attained distinction in any form of games or athletics either at school or since leaving?

The salary for the clerks is considerably less than that paid to a police constable. The present average cost of a constable, including all allowances and uniform and the charge for prospective pension, is about \$320 a year. A sergeant's pay goes up to \$6 a week (as a station sergeant), an inspector's to \$9 13s. a week (as a chief inspector), and a superintendent is paid \$700 a year.

**\$140 FOR ACTOR.**

Judgment for \$140 damages with costs was entered by Mr. Justice Horridge in the King's Bench Division on November 8 in favour of Mr. Henry Ford, of Wimbledon, who sued Messrs. Clifford Hamilton, Ltd., following his dismissal from a touring company formed to play "Journey's End" in the provinces.

Messrs. Clifford Hamilton maintained that Mr. Ford did not act to the best of his ability in rehearsals and that they were justified in dismissing him. Mr. Ford claimed loss of salary and damages.

A special jury found for Mr. Ford.



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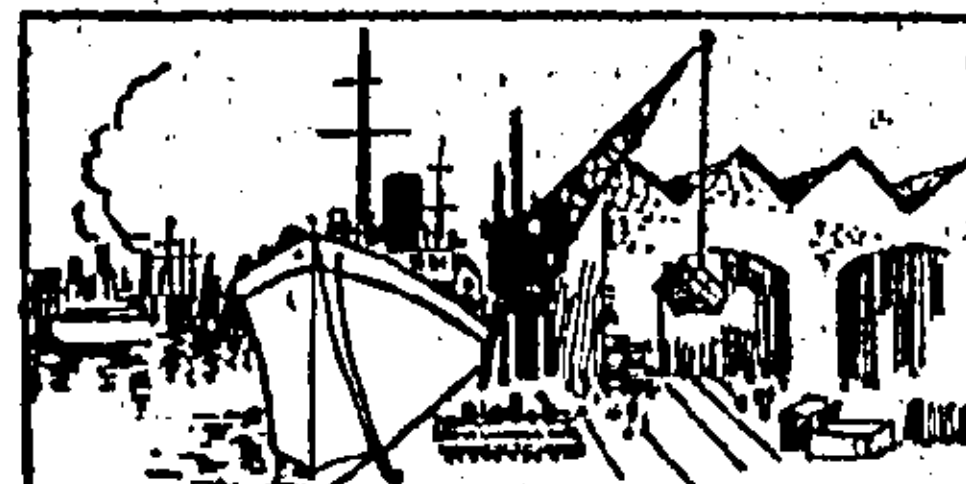
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## IMPROVEMENT IN DESIGN.

The hope that the members of both Houses of Congress will continue to be ship-minded, and that additional legislation for the development of the United States merchant marine will be adopted if necessary was expressed in addresses delivered at the annual banquet of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers held in New York. The speakers were Mr. Arthur M. Free, Representative from the 8th Congressional district of California, and a member of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, and Mr. H. G. Smith, president of the National Council of American Shipbuilders.

After reviewing the ups and downs of shipbuilding in the 37 years since the society was founded, Mr. Smith said the one thing certain about the future is that the shipyards must rely upon building for the merchant marine rather than for the Navy. The U.S. merchant marine at present, he pointed out, consists of some 1,400 vessels of about 7,800,000 gross tons, fairly evenly divided between the coastwise and foreign trades.

Building of new vessels for the coastwise trade, he said, has been retarded by the continued existence of an idle Shipping Board fleet of ships available for purchase at low prices, about 250 of which still exist. Ultimately, he said, replacements of vessels in the coastwise trade will call for the building of about 25 vessels a year each of about 8,000 tons gross register, while a similar number will be required for replacements in the foreign trade fleet.

## Too Optimistic.

"The ships now building and those definitely required to be built under the Merchant Marine Act of 1928," Mr. Smith said, "are about sixty in number, and constitute, therefore, but a small percentage of the fleet necessary to retain our present tonnage of vessels in the foreign trade. It would be foolish to assume that our present start establishes us permanently in the carriage of goods in this trade. This would be too optimistic. As stated, the work in sight, together with that now under way, should provide a programme of about 215,000,000 a year from January 1, 1930, to the end of 1934, but the programme beyond that date must be based upon probabilities."

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"Distribution of our surplus production to foreign markets is of national importance. The growth of these markets requires a sufficient number of U.S. ships in each trade route to control them. There is concrete evidence that trade follows the flag as shown by the growth of our trade with Europe, South America, Asia and Africa, where our trade has doubled, trebled and in one case quadrupled since the re-establishment by the Shipping Board of U.S. vessels in the principal trade routes to these countries."

"A cargo vessel, combination vessel or oil tanker costs from 60 to 60 per cent. more to build in the United States than in Great Britain. The operating costs are consequently higher. It is, therefore, incumbent upon U.S. designers, builders and operators to see that the ships employed in our foreign trade are of the most economical design for the service intended and of the lowest practicable cost so as to keep the differential in cost between a U.S. built and a foreign-built ship to the lowest possible figure. As the foreign wage rates are, in all cases, less than half of those in the United States, a substantial differential in cost will always exist."

"The Merchant Marine Act of 1928 provides definite aid for the building of new vessels of the passenger and combination types, but does not give sufficient encouragement for the building of cargo ships, which constitute the backbone of any trade fleet. Such ships are necessary to replace those just described as being now in service and which are from ten to

twelve years old and out of date when compared with the more modern vessels of other countries.

## Government Aid.

"Other nations decree subsidies and Government aids to our shipping, but this need not worry us. These same nations have built up their own shipping through Government aid when it was necessary to meet the competition of other maritime countries."

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Representative Free in his address traced the history of the U.S. merchant marine from the days of the Collins Line and the establishment of the Pacific Mail. "Under the authority of Congress," he said, "the Shipping Board has loaned \$2,735,000 to shipowners for the construction of vessels, and commitments have been taken for a further \$16,419,600."

"Since the new policy of greater insistence upon new construction was adopted two years ago, forty-six new vessels have been contracted for at a cost of \$36,800,000, in connection with the award of sixteen mail contracts entailing the expenditure of \$2,800,000 annually for ten years. Prior to the adoption of this policy, twenty-four mail contracts had been awarded for \$2,800,000 annually, with only 16 vessels required to be constructed."

"What of the future? Another Congress has just been elected. There will be about seventy new faces in that Congress. Let us hope they will be ship-minded. The friends of a U.S. merchant marine must see to it that they get the real picture and that we do not turn backward."

"Another thing must be thought about. All the new building has been in the shipyards on the Atlantic Coast. This should be distributed among the yards in all parts of our country. Give every section a share of this building even though there may be some disadvantage in doing so."

## CLAIM FOR \$800,000

## JUDGMENT FOR VICKERS-ARMSTRONG, LIMITED.

In the King's Bench Division on Monday, Mr. Justice Wright gave judgment for defendants in the action which Continental Contractors, Ltd., of Central House, Finsbury-square, London, brought against Vickers-Armstrong, to recover damages for alleged breach of contract and for an account of commission alleged to be due from the defendants to the plaintiffs.

During the hearing it was stated that the three directors of the plaintiff company were big industrialists in Russia before the revolution, and the claim was in connection with orders which, plaintiffs alleged, they obtained first for Vickers, Ltd., and later for the Vickers group. Plaintiffs claimed from defendant £800,000 commission.

Defendant denied that the agreement was extended or that it was varied in other ways alleged by the plaintiffs. Defendants admitted that their termination of the arrangement between them and the plaintiffs constituted a breach.

Arguments arising from the judgment will be heard at a later date.

## SINGAPORE SHIPPING.

In spite of the economic depression which prevailed in British Malaya during the past two years, tonnage of shipping at the port of Singapore continued to grow, and reached a new high record in 1929, states the U.S. Vice-Consul at Singapore, in Commerce Reports.

The geographic position of the port, he says, gives it a great natural advantage over the ports of neighboring countries. During the past 20 years it has lost a considerable amount of its transshipment trade in native produce (spices, etc.), but this loss has been completely overshadowed by its increased transshipment trade in rubber, tin, and manufactured goods, in addition to its increased direct export trade in rubber and tin. All indications point to the continued growth of shipping at the port of Singapore.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICE

Consignees of cargo ex ship Peru are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to sale after January 5, 1931.

## ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Saturday, Dec. 27.  
Japora, Dutch str., 2,361 tons, Taikoo Sugar Refinery Wharf.—J.C.J.L.

Sunday, Dec. 28.  
Florenia D., American str., 1,518 tons, Capt. A. Heirandra, from Manila, Taikoo Dock.—L. Everett Inc.

Helikon, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. W. Lee, from Saigon, buoy No. B19.—Wo Fat Sing.  
Hong Kheng, British str., 3,975 tons, Capt. D. M. Hood, from Singapore, buoy No. A10.—H. & S.

Kashima Maru, Japanese str., 9,908 tons, Capt. T. Takeka, from London via Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Leverbank, British str., 3,149 tons, Capt. W. J. Mann, from Amoy, Standard Oil Wharf.—Bank Line.

Linan, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. J. Layton, from Canton, buoy No. B13.—B. & S.  
Tasmania Maru, Japanese str., 2,517 tons, Capt. Y. Esaki, from Milke, buoy No. A2.—N.Y.K.

Tjileboet, Dutch str., 3,635 tons, Captain J. Schol, from Amoy, buoy No. A4.—J.C.J.L.

Monday, Dec. 29.  
Cheongshing, British str., 1,256 tons, Captain Burleigh, from Canton, buoy No. B35.—J. M. & Co.

Dorry, German str., 878 tons, Capt. J. Bruhn, from Holhow, Yaumati Anchorage.—Chau Yue Teng.

Hague Maru, Japanese str., 3,452 tons, Captain I. Tsuda, from Karatsu, buoy No. A28.—O.S.K.

Ho Sang, British str., 5,598 tons, Capt. Field Hook, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Iyo Maru, Japanese str., 5,961 tons, Captain T. Sonoyama, from Bombay, Colombo and Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Kiangsu, British str., 1,555 tons, Capt. C. P. Miller, from Swatow, buoy No. B40.—B. & S.

King Yuan, British str., 1,546 tons, Captain J. D. Whyte, from Swatow, buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Malacca Maru, Japanese str., 3,210 tons, Captain C. Ishida, from Moji via Sakito, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Montevideo Maru, Japanese str., 7,266 tons, Capt. M. Yamaguchi, from Kobe, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

President Cleveland, American str., 14,123 tons, Captain T. W. Yardley, from Los Angeles and San Francisco, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.

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Taiyuan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. R. Robertson, from Amoy, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.

Tjileboet, Dutch str., 3,635 tons, Captain de Jonge, from Surabaya, buoy No. A3.—J.C.J.L.

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The P. & O. s.s. Comorin left Singapore for this port on December 28 at 4 p.m. with the outward English Mail, and is due here on January 1 at about 6 p.m.

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Kong after a short stay in the  
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Mrs. E. W. Gude, wife of a  
Manila lumber official, on a vaca-  
tion trip to London. Mrs. Gude is  
accompanied by her daughter.

Mr. Karl Kroier, a Shanghai fac-  
tory representative, on a business  
trip in the south.

Col. James R. Pourie, an officer in  
the U. S. Army, returning to Hong  
Kong after a trip to the Philippines.  
Col. Pourie is accompanied by his  
wife.

Mr. Lewis H. Ruffin, an official of  
the National City Bank of New  
York.

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Davenport Brown, Mr. Shandas  
Chellaram, Mr. Raffaelo De Angeles,  
Miss A. M. Freeland, Mr. Frank J.  
Farr, Mrs. E. N. Gude, Miss Mary  
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Mr. Karl Kroier, Mrs. Agnes M.  
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on December 29:—  
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Peggy Fenner, Mr. H. A. Richard-  
son, Mrs. Dorothy Tod, Mr. Rempel  
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Per s.s. Empress of Russia, on  
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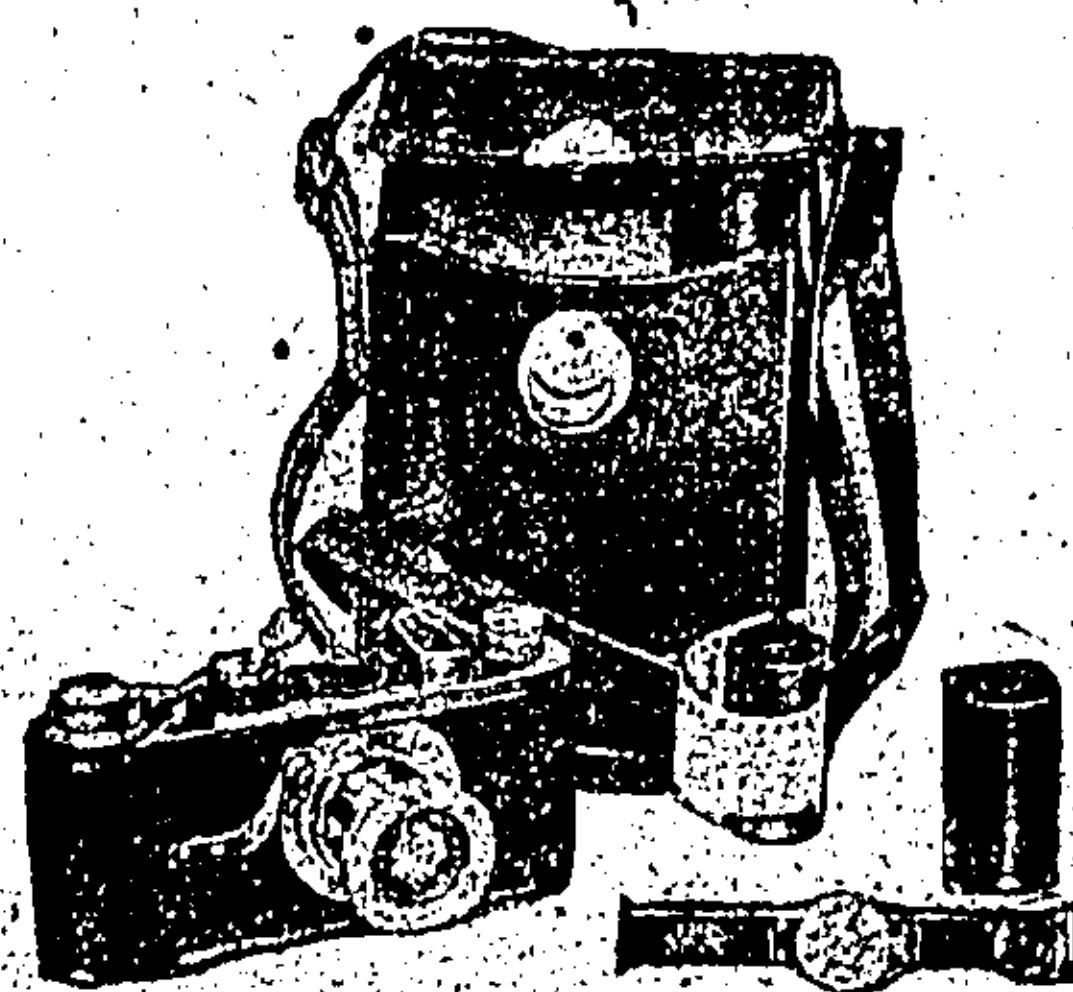
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### CHILD WELFARE.

Judged by its annual report,  
which was published in our news  
columns on Saturday last, the  
Society for the Protection of  
Children has more than justified  
the expectations of the founders.  
Its creation, it may be remember-  
ed, was the subject of some ill-  
founded criticism by members of  
the Anti-Mul-Tsai Society two  
months ago. "Without the least  
intention of being flippant or  
cynical," it was asserted that  
so far as there was a difference  
between the Anti-Mul-Tsai Society  
and the Child Welfare Society,  
"it was a difference in thorough-  
ness!" Said the spokesman of  
the Anti-Mul-Tsai Society regard-  
ing the Child Welfare Society:  
"We are heartily glad of its com-  
ing into existence during the past  
year, but we would like to see it  
live up more to the idea of being  
the champion of the child, as it  
sets out to be. Instead of having  
just one young lady fulfilling the  
duty of an inspector, there should  
be at least a dozen or more officers  
(men and women) selected and  
trained because of their special  
aptitude for the posts they have  
to fill." At the time we stated  
that the Child Welfare Society  
need not "blush crimson with  
deepest shame" because it has  
only one lady inspector—and a  
young one at that, as was very  
stupidly emphasized. There is  
work, and plenty of it, ahead of  
the Child Welfare Society; but it  
is only in its infancy. It cannot  
work wonders within its first  
year of existence. It cannot pro-  
ceed to carry out its ideal of the

champion of the child after barely  
twelve months of existence. Not  
yet is it time to wax eloquent in  
public over "the glistening tear  
in a neglected child's eye"—first  
things must come first. Its work  
is not work that seeks any gallery  
applause. Unobtrusiveness must  
be the underlying principle; but  
that need not invite criticism  
(neither "flippant nor cynical")  
as to its not living up to its ideal;  
or a suggestion as to how many  
inspectors it ought to engage.

Another rejoinder, equally em-  
phatic, is the first annual report  
of the Child Welfare Society, (or,  
to give it its official name, the  
Society for the Protection of  
Children) wherein it is stated  
that the Committee at first ex-  
perienced some difficulty in ob-  
taining the services of a person  
with the requisite qualifications  
for an Inspector, but in August  
appointed on probation Miss Setto  
Wai Sheung, B.A., Gilling Col-  
lege, Nanking, who had made a  
particular study of sociological  
matters, including child welfare.  
The Committee has prepared for  
distribution among the general  
public leaflets stating the aims  
and methods of the Society, the  
things which constitute offences  
against children according to the  
laws of the Colony, and what  
should be done by any member of  
the public in order to invoke the  
Society's aid on behalf of any  
child. The District Watch Com-  
mittee has kindly allowed the  
District Watchmen to make a  
house to house distribution of  
these leaflets. It is anticipated  
that as the result of the publicity  
thus obtained there will be a great  
increase in the number of cases  
reported and that it will be neces-  
sary in the near future to engage  
the services of an additional  
Inspector.

If the foregoing remarks be an  
incomplete rejoinder to criticism  
(neither "flippant nor cynical")  
there is the record of cases in-  
vestigated between August 1 and  
November 14, and there are the  
Inspector's notes in the plaints  
investigated, which were publish-  
ed along with the annual report in  
this paper on Saturday last. To  
repeat in part what we stated  
two months ago, the Society for  
the Protection of Children may  
lack soap box orators to proclaim  
its good deeds to the world; but  
that need not suggest that it is  
virtually still-born or doomed to  
increase the record of infant mor-  
tality. Abolish the mul-tsal  
system by all means, but that will  
not mean the abolition of agency  
and ill-treatment of children of  
all races in our midst. Instead of  
the mul-tsal system, there should  
be a more permanent system for a more

in the Child Welfare Society's  
eye, the cause of the "glistening  
tear in a neglected child's eye"  
would be better served by other  
and more practical ways that  
should be obvious to all but the  
purlind. May be the neither  
"flippant nor cynical" critics of the  
Society will attend the annual  
meeting to-day and personally  
point out how the Society should  
be run and where the funds are  
to come from to ensure that  
"thoroughness" so boastfully  
claimed in public for the Anti-  
Mul-Tsai Society!

### News in Brief.

Normal working for telegrams  
for Shanghai and beyond has been  
re-established.

Reclamation work has started off  
Jubilee Street in connection with  
the proposed vehicular ferry  
scheme.

Among the New Year festivities  
will be a dance at the Craigen-  
gower Cricket Club to-morrow  
night given by the President to all  
members.

The theft of a Tientsin carpet,  
valued at \$26, from the back of his  
residence, has been notified to the  
Police by Mr. N. Drummond, of 2  
Quarry Point.

The total output of the Kailan  
Mining Administration's mines for  
the week ended December 13  
amounted to 180,709 tons, and the  
sales to 105,772 tons.

Mr. G. T. Thach arrived here by  
the s.s. President Cleveland to  
join the staff of the National City  
Bank of New York. He is accom-  
panied by his mother.

The forthcoming wedding is an-  
nounced of Ernst Richard Alexan-  
der Zimmermann, of Jordan House,  
Kowloon, to Mary Bernice Ahwee,  
of Carpe Diem, Kowloon City.

For unlawfully preparing opium  
at No. 96, Woonung Street, on  
December 29, Tse Luk was fined  
\$100, or two months' imprisonment  
at the Kowloon Magistracy this  
morning.

Mr. George Hagg, manager of  
the Shanghai branch of the Na-  
tional City Bank of New York, and  
Mr. P. A. Cox, assistant Oriental  
manager of the C.P.R., Shanghai,  
arrived here by the s.s. Empress of  
Russia.

Mr. Alexander Clark, Divisional  
Inspector at Central Station, who  
has been discharging the duties of  
Chief Inspector in the absence of  
Mr. P. Grant, who is on short leave,  
is going to Yumati this week on  
transfer.

Mr. C. H. Hoare, of Messrs Lane,  
Crawford, has reported to the  
Police the loss of his Buick motor  
car which he parked in Runsey  
Street, next the World Theatre, be-  
tween 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Decem-  
ber 28.

Making use of the well-known  
"bank note trick" a Chinese re-  
lieved a waitress of the Tung Nam  
Restaurant, Leichikok Road, of  
jewellery to the value of \$76. The  
incident happened at 2.30 p.m.  
yesterday whilst the victim was on  
her way home.

Mrs. F. Hille was yesterday  
fined \$10 by Mr. Butters in the  
Kowloon Court for driving a car  
without a driver's licence. Mr.  
H. Huhrt was also fined \$10 for  
having been in charge of the car  
and allowing it to be driven by an  
unlicensed driver.

Mr. V. du Bus de Warnaffe, of  
No. 9, Peak Mansions, appeared  
before Mr. Butters at Kowloon  
Magistracy yesterday, charged  
with driving a private car in a  
dangerous manner in Chatham  
Road on December 17. He denied  
the charge. He was discharged  
with a caution.

Before Mr. E. E. Lindsell yester-  
day afternoon, the licensee of the  
Mow Yuen Chinese wine shop, 12,  
Gillies Avenue, Hok Un Kai, was  
charged with the possession of 59  
jars containing 236 gallons of Chi-  
nese spirits on which duty had not  
been paid. The spirit was found  
on a sampan at the Praya West, and  
there was a pass purporting to  
cover the delivery of the jars from  
the Mow Yuen shop to the Hong  
Yue Yuen shop, 367, Queen's Road  
West. After some evidence had  
been taken, the case was adjourned  
until Saturday.

According to figures prepared by  
the Merchants Exchange of Van-  
couver, Western Canada, has been  
supplying the South American Re-  
public of Colombia with about  
20,000 tons of grain each year for  
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a man who has swayed Govern-  
ments, who hates any form of pub-  
licity, is going to London.

Sir Basil Zaharoff is now eighty  
years old, but he retains his old  
sting and there are those who  
wonder why he is going to Lon-  
don. A few years ago his sudden  
appearance in one of the capitals  
of Europe meant that something  
was afoot. He is a man with a  
thousand secrets.

His origin is uncertain. He is  
always "disappearing." He is  
said to be worth twenty million  
pounds. He has owned Monte  
Carlo, but does not gamble. He  
married, after waiting for her for  
twenty years, a wife who died  
within two years.

Order of the Bath.  
Sir Basil Zaharoff's mother was  
Greek and his father Russian. He  
was educated in England and is a  
naturalised French subject. A  
great deal of his money, he made  
during the War in armaments.

Not the least of the mysteries  
about him is his G.C.B., of which  
there are only twenty-one in exist-  
ence, awarded at the recommenda-  
tion of Mr. Lloyd George "for ser-  
vices rendered." What were these  
services? He has also one of the  
seventeen grand crosses to the  
Legion d'Honneur.

He lives in Paris near the Place  
de l'Etoile, and his hatred of pub-  
licity is such that nobody ever  
stays with him. He has friends;  
the King and Queen take tea with  
him when they are in Paris; the  
Queen of Roumania visits him;  
Lloyd George, Poincare, Curzon,  
Wilson, would lunch with him at  
the time of the Peace Conference.

Pride in Flowers.  
Outside his house there are  
marvellous window-boxes full of  
flowers covered with glass. Dur-  
ing the threatened May Day de-  
monstrations this year Sir Basil  
returned home from his constitu-  
tional to find his servants remov-  
ing the flowers. "Why are you  
doing that?" he asked. They ex-  
plained that they feared the glass  
would be smashed in the riots.  
"Leave the flowers," he said.  
"They are the pride of the quar-  
ter. They shall not be deprived  
of them."

When the procession passed his  
house the demonstrators cheered.  
He is inundated with begging  
letters. And he has a special  
card printed in answer. It reads:  
Sir Basil Zaharoff, n'ayant pas de  
voix, ne peut pas chanter. (Hav-  
ing no voice, is unable to sing.)

He recently burned his diaries,  
in which he had kept the happen-  
ings of each day and his com-  
ments: In the presence of six  
secretaries he consigned them to  
the fire. A French newspaper  
had offered a thousand pounds for  
one single page of the diaries.

### FUNERAL ORATIONS.

LANGUAGE WHICH IS TOO  
LAUDATORY.

The use of extravagant language  
in orations and hymns at  
funerals is criticised by the Rev.  
C. E. Harris, vicar of St. John's,  
Rathwick, Bath. Writing in his  
parish magazine, Mr. Harris  
says:—

"One cannot but be conscious,  
in reading accounts of some  
funerals, that there must be a  
great deal of wrong thinking on  
this subject. Hymns are sung  
and orations delivered which, in  
their language, would appear to  
identify the departed relative or  
friend with the very chiefest of  
saints, when, very often, his known  
and remembered actions would en-  
tirely fail to endorse such a ver-  
dict."

"We know that, with God, all  
things are possible, and that He  
can refuse to reward us after  
iniquities. In the Litany we pray  
to that effect.

"It is a right and proper thing,  
too, to exercise, always, the virtue  
of hope, along with faith and love.  
But, above all things, let us re-  
member the awful purity and  
majesty of God, and realise how  
much our dear departed need the  
help of our prayers that they may  
be purified from all the stain of  
sin and be perfected in blessed-  
ness."

### "COME ON AUSTRALIA."

Lord Stonehaven's Farewell  
Message.

Lord Stonehaven, the retiring  
Governor-General, ended a broad-  
cast farewell message to Austr-  
alia by declaring:—  
"Come on, Australia! Come on  
with your Hinklers, Bradmans,  
and Kingsford-Smiths, and show  
the world what Australia can do as  
you have done so often before."

### EXPLORER DIES PENILESS.

Member of 2 Antarctic  
Expeditions.

Wellington, N.Z., Oct. 31.  
Harry McNeish, member of two  
Antarctic expeditions, with Cap-  
tain Scott and Sir Ernest  
Shackleton, died peniless here  
recently at the age of 64.

McNeish was a member of the  
Scott expedition which visited the  
Antarctic in 1901. In 1914 he  
went with the Shackleton expedi-  
tion aboard the Endurance to the  
Antarctic.

He was one of five volunteers  
who accompanied Shackleton in a  
small boat from Elephant Island  
in order to bring aid to 22 mem-  
bers of the crew of the Endur-  
ance left on the island after their  
vessels had been crushed by the  
ice.

The trip of Sir Ernest  
Shackleton, and his five men of  
which McNeish was one, from  
Elephant Island to South Georgia,  
was one of the most daring under-  
takings of Antarctic exploration.

Sir Ernest planned to cross the  
Antarctic continent from the  
Weddell Sea to Ross Sea by way  
of the South Pole. Aboard the  
Endurance he entered the ice pack  
in December, 1914. The ship was  
beset by ice on January 18 and  
drifted northward. The terrific  
ice pressure crushed her and she  
was abandoned on October 24.

The 20 men of the expedition  
camped on the ice floe, drifting  
northward until April 1916. On  
April 8 the floe split to pieces and  
the men launched three small  
boats. Six days later, after many  
hardships, they landed on  
Elephant Island.

On April 24, Shackleton and his  
five men set out in one of the  
ship's boats to bring aid. Snow-  
storms and gales swept them day  
after day and after much suffer-  
ing they sighted the cliffs of the  
west coast of South Georgia on  
the fourteenth day. They still  
could not reach land but finally  
they were able to reach the head  
of King Haakon Bay on May 19.

McNeish, and one other man  
were unable to travel further and  
Shackleton with his two remain-  
ing men marched across the island  
of South Georgia reaching a whal-  
ing station.

After three unsuccessful at-  
tempts to return to Elephant  
Island through the ice floes  
Shackleton succeeded in rescuing  
all his men on August 30, 1916,  
using the Chilean Trawler Yelcho.

### \$250,000 BUILDING.

IMPOSING STRUCTURE ADDED  
TO PENANG CONVENT.

Penang, Dec. 1.  
Mr. E. W. C. Gilman, the Resi-  
dent Councillor, opened the new  
Convent building which has been  
put up at a cost of \$250,000.

The new building, which stands  
on the right of the main entrance  
to the Convent, is an imposing  
structure and occupies an area of  
10,000 square feet.

Arrangements were made to re-  
ceive 700 visitors, most of them  
being present, including Dr. R. O.  
Winstedt, who had travelled from  
Singapore especially.

Government has contributed  
half the cost of the building, and  
local subscribers have raised  
\$22,000.  
Mr. Gilman, in his speech, said  
he wondered how many visitors  
there were who had any idea of  
the extent of the work carried on  
within those walls. He confessed  
that a fortnight ago when he was  
first conducted round by the  
Reverend Mother over this beehive  
he was filled with surprise  
and humble admiration at the  
great work that was being carried  
on so unobtrusively in their midst  
by the charitable Sisters of the  
Holy Infant Jesus.

Besides the orphanage of 550  
girls there were about 1,200 girls  
pupils in the school, which, he  
could well believe, was one of the  
best schools in Malaya.

Dr. Winstedt said that even in  
distant Singapore they had fol-  
lowed the anxieties and worries  
of the Reverend Mother, and her  
staff, anxieties and worries which  
were inevitable before a building  
like that could be completed.—  
Straits Times.

### Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of  
December 30, 1920.)

To-day's dollar is worth \$2 9/14

Much sympathy will be felt for  
Mr. A. Findlay Smith, proprietor  
of the Peak Hotel, a Hong Kong  
resident of over 50 years' standing,  
who has received news of the death  
of his wife at No. 23, Hyde Park  
Place, London. Mrs. Findlay  
Smith, who resided mostly at  
Home, last visited Hong Kong dur-  
ing the "War," and remained here  
until after its conclusion.



## DIRTIEST PLACE IN ENGLAND.

## Newcastle Keeps Up Its Reputation.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, according to the latest report on the investigation of Air Pollution, published by the Stationery Office, is living up to its reputation, and is still England's dirtiest city or town. Records from nearly a hundred gauges in thirty-two different towns have been analysed, with a view to discovering the cause of various forms of impurities in the air. Liverpool comes next after Newcastle, while London is equal seventh with Birmingham out of the total of thirty-two.

Some of the records present strange contrasts, the most striking of which is to be found at Leicester, where the atmosphere is five times more polluted in one district than in another. The whole of the London area on the other hand appears to suffer from a fairly equitable distribution of impurity. The grounds of Lambeth Palace enjoy the least contaminated air, followed closely by Victoria Park and Wandsworth Common.

Residents in Kensington and in the neighbourhood of Ravenscourt Park will be surprised to learn that the air which they breathe is almost the impurest to be found in the whole of London, and that it contains large quantities of sulphur and ammonia.

A New Impurity. Experimental work carried on during the past year has revealed a fresh enemy to public health in the form of sulphur trioxide. This appears to have caused the authorities considerable trouble on account of its irregular habits.

"Sulphur trioxide," the report states, "is not a normal constituent of the atmosphere; it appears only during fog." The investigators



'Erb: "Eber get chilblains"  
'Oraee: "No, too much trouble to scratch them."  
Smith's Weekly, Sydney.

however, nothing daunted, conclude on an optimistic note: "It is hoped... to produce a method which will be suitable for the routine determination of the amount of sulphur in the atmosphere."

The following is a list of the thirteen cities and towns where the largest solid deposits from the air have been recorded. The figures represent the mean monthly deposits in metric tons per hundred square kilometres:

Newcastle-on-Tyne (City Road)	3,188
Liverpool	2,119
St. Helens	1,881
Rochdale (Electricity Works)	1,526
Huddersfield (Delighton)	1,453
Rotherham	1,282
London (Golden Lane)	1,290
Birmingham (Central)	1,290
Leicester (Millon Street)	1,277
Kingston-upon-Hull	1,148
Loughborough College	1,095
Leeds (Park Square)	1,085
Glasgow (Alexandra Park)	1,007

## SANSKRIT SCHOLAR.

## DEATH OF FAMOUS OXFORD PROFESSOR.

Rugby, Yesterday. The death occurred yesterday of Professor Macdonell, the great Sanskrit scholar and Emeritus Professor of Sanskrit at the University of Oxford. He was seventy-six years old—British Wireless Service.

[Professor Arthur Anthony Macdonell, M.A., Ph.D., was born in 1854, in Scotland, and was educated in Germany and at Oxford. He rapidly became an internationally known scholar with honours from the principal German, British and Indian seats of learning. His publications on Sanskrit studies have been many, all of them standard textbooks.]

## FALSE RUMOURS.

## U.S. TRUST CO. OFFERS \$2,000 REWARD.

Philadelphia, Yesterday. The Aldine Trust Company, with resources of \$1,800,000, closed this morning. The company is offering a \$2,000 reward for the conviction of any persons who have been circulating false rumours regarding the company.

## EX-POLICE RESERVIST AS WITNESS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Answering another question, witness said that no statement was taken from him on September 19, because he was busy. He gave a statement later.

"Thanks of the Colony!" Mr. Jenkin: I suppose that after you had spoken about the promissory note, on September 19, Inspector Reynold tendered you the thanks of the Colony, and you left!

His Lordship objected to the reference to the "thanks of the Colony," and Mr. Jenkin withdrew.

Witness said that he went to the station again some days later to help the Police arrest No. 1's third son at Yumati. No statement was taken from him on this occasion also. He went up, a third time three or four days later, at the request of the Police, and then gave his statement.

Mr. Jenkin: As a trained Police Reservist the conversation you had with No. 1 about insurance and arson left a lasting impression on you?—No. 1 regarded it as casual talk.

You were not struck by the sinister connection between insurance and arson?—No.

Casual Talk. I put it to you that if on the first occasion you went to the Police Station, instead of talking about the promissory note, you had talked about this conversation with No. 1, it would have been more useful to the Police?—I regarded it as casual talk and so did not attach much importance to it. My idea was to collect the money due on the promissory note of which I was a witness.

Pressed about the insurance and arson conversation, witness said that on the first occasion that he went up to the Police Station it was out of his mind. Neither did he recollect it on the second occasion.

Mr. Jenkin: When did it come back to you?—While I was giving my statement to the Inspector. The case is proceeding.

## RUM RUNNER.

## BRITISH SHIP CAPTURED BY COASTGUARDS.

New London, Conn., Yesterday. The motor-ship Eleanor Joan, of Nova Scotia, a sister ship of the Audrey B (captured on Christmas Day) has been captured by coastguards.

The vessel is alleged to have had \$170,000 worth of liquor aboard. The crew of eleven have been taken to New York for trial—Reuters American Service.

## NEED OF SACRIFICE.

## EMPIRE FACING A SERIOUS ORDEAL.

Rugby, Yesterday. The need for sacrifice in the face of one of the most serious ordeals with which the Empire has ever been faced, was emphasised in a sermon last night by the Archbishop of Canterbury—British Wireless Service.

## FAMOUS TOWN-PLANNER.

## Death at Age of 67 of M. Forestier.

The death is reported from San Remo of M. Forestier, formerly conservator of the Bois de Boulogne.

M. Forestier, who was 67 years of age, was an ardent bicyclist in the early days of the wheel, and gave permission for an annual cycle race by actors and actresses. This, for years, drew all Paris, and such famous stage artists as Coquelin and Sarah Bernhardt presided over it. Felix Faure, during his Presidency of the Republic, used to ride out regularly for this event.

M. Forestier was a great student of the science of town planning. The streets and gardens of the Champs de Mars were laid out according to his ideas, and he had a grand project for two huge avenues, bisecting Paris, west to east, from the Bois de Boulogne to the Bois de Vincennes, and north to south, from Montmartre to Montroque. In these days of traffic congestion, Forestier's avenues would have incalculable value.

It was not the cost but the short-sightedness of the city authorities that prevented the scheme from being executed. Forestier, in disgust, devoted himself to work abroad and it is said that the magnificent laying out of Buenos Aires and of modern Barcelona is largely due to his conceptions.

## "WETS" FIRE THEIR FIRST GUN.

## Resolution Introduced for a Referendum.

Washington, Dec. 1. With the opening of the final session of the 71st congress here today the "wets" fired the first gun in the battle over prohibition.

Representative Clarence J. McLeod, Republican of Michigan, with the session still at the stage of formalities, introduced a resolution providing for a national referendum on the "wet" versus "dry" issue. Representative McLeod's resolution also provides for the summoning of a national convention to amend the American constitution.

According to the resolution introduced by Representative McLeod there should be enacted a new amendment to the constitution to replace the 18th amendment. It would permit the sale of liquor and govern the conditions under which alcoholic beverages could be sold and consumed.

Representative McLeod's proposals differ from those which would repeal the 18th amendment and the Volstead Act. They differ, also, from the proposals which would modify the existing prohibition laws to permit of general consumption of light wines and beer.—United Press.

## CLARA BUTT.

## TREAT FOR LOCAL LOVERS OF MUSIC.

It has been said and not without reason, that more than any artist within living memory, the famous British contralto, Clara Butt, has that subtle gift of establishing between herself and her audience a bond of sympathy so complete as to hold them in thrall from the moment she appears till her last song is over—and long afterward.

In this sense she is something more than a singer, something more than the golden-voiced contralto, whose range extends from somewhere in the soprano region down to baritone depths. In her, over and above these rare gifts of voice, are united the highest art of the grammatist and the actor combined, creating the spiritual force that her voice and her dominating personality serve but to provide with outward and visible form.

Of such powers as these it is indeed difficult to write adequately when the late Sir Herbert Tree has said: "She stands beyond our powers of criticism or definition. There is Nature, there is Art, and these is Clara Butt." And from the moment of her first appearance one senses the realisation of this power in the changed atmosphere of the whole audience. There is an air of tense expectation, which gives place to a joy that cannot be satiated as the amazing range and poetic power of her voice finds expression in the first notes of her opening song.

Dame Clara Butt and Mr. Kennerley Rufford will arrive here about a fortnight hence and will give two concerts, possibly on January 17 and 19.

## ARTIST ROBBED.

## MAN WHO PAINTED SIAM'S ROYAL FAMILY.

Mr. Oswald Birley, the artist, who only recently returned to England from Siam, where he went to paint the Royal Family, and who has just done the latest portrait of King George in yachting clothes, has recently had an experience of burglars and a lucky recovery of stolen jewellery.

Among the jewellery was a pendant with a woman's face painted on it. A West End pawnbroker gave \$2 on deposit on it. Soon afterwards a police officer came to the pawnshop with a sketch of the pendant.

The sketch had been done by Mr. Birley, to whom the jewellery belonged, and he had painted a picture of his wife in the pendant. Once the pendant was so certainly identified all the remaining jewellery was recovered.

## "GIRL IN TRANCE."

## DEATH AFTER 20 MONTHS IN STATE OF COMA.

The death has occurred of Miss Doris Hinton, of Chilwell, Notts, who was known as the "Girl in a Trance."

While listening to a wireless programme at her home one night in October, 1928, she lapsed into a state of coma, and remained in that condition for 20 months, during which she was devoid of all feeling and could not speak, although she could see and hear. For some time she had to be artificially fed.

An improvement at the end of 18 months was followed by a relapse, from which she never recovered.

## SHADOWS BEFORE

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

## Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.

To-morrow—New Year's Eve Carnivals at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels (Fancy Dress Ball).

To-morrow—New Year's Eve Dance at Craigengower Cricket Club.

To-morrow—Carnival and Exhibition dances at Hotel Cecil.

Thursday—Special Tea Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre.

"Girl Said No."

To-day—Central Theatre.

"Captain of the Guard."

To-day—World Theatre.

"Love on the Lake" (Chinese picture).

To-day—Star Theatre.

"The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary."

To-day—Majestic Theatre.

"Interference."

Home Mails.

Thursday—Inward from Europe via Suez (Comorin); Outward for Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia (Tatara Maru), 8.30 a.m.

Meetings.

To-day—Annual meeting of the Society for Protection of Children, City Hall, 5.15 p.m.

January 14—Meeting of Graduates in the Great Hall of the University, 5.15 p.m.

Sports.

See Diary on page 9.

Lammert's Auction.

Saturday—At 7, Prati Buildings, (Middle floor), Kowloon household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

OUT OF WORK.

## TWENTY MILLION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

(By Oliver Bell).

In Europe there are some six and a half million people unemployed. The Prime Minister in the House of Commons the other day said that if the statistics of the United States of America were compiled on the same basis as those of Great Britain, they would show that in America there were between ten and twelve millions with no work to do. Japan as long ago as last June estimated that there were nearly half a million workless there. No figures are available for other countries in the Far East like China and India, both of whom support large industrial populations. Nor are any figures available for South America where unemployment must be on the increase because of the political upheavals that have taken place within the last few months.

A very conservative estimate of world unemployment is twenty millions. The average worker has two dependants. So there are sixty millions of people on short commons owing to the impossibility of obtaining work.

The International Labour Office of the League of Nations is the source from which these figures are drawn. There is no need to doubt their accuracy for the Office has always noted as a reliable world clearing house of information, a function that it possesses which is frequently overlooked. In the "Note of the Week" in a recent number of its weekly periodical Industrial and Labour Information, it is said that unemployment is steadily becoming more acute in almost every country in the world. Practically everywhere it is now the dominant industrial and social problem and is demanding the anxious attention of Governments and peoples.

A fact which the researchers of the International Labour Office has brought out, is that a fall in wholesale prices always increases unemployment. It would seem that the monetary factor is of particular importance among the causes of the crisis. The article closes on a slightly less depressed note than that on which it started. "While it would be unwise to attempt any forecast, it may be added that certain signs, such for instance as the fact that the United States price level is no longer falling or is falling only very slightly, suggest that the depression is nearing its lowest point; but unhappily there are hardly any signs yet of a recovery."

The executive and finance committee of the World's Grain Exhibition and Conference has decided to hold a boys' and girls' competition at the big international show and plans for this are now being worked out with the co-operation of the different provincial Departments of Agriculture and other organisations interested in boys' and girls' work.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED. NOTICE.

ON THURSDAY, the 1st January, 1931, All Departments will be CLOSED.

On This Day, The Hong Kong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED. Hong Kong, 30th Dec., 1930.

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having arrived, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe on the 5th January, 1931, at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Underwriter before the 10th January, 1931, or they will not be recognised.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

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## BATTALION'S PENITENCE.

Murder of a French Captain.

Trinidad, Oct. 23.

With the arrival here of the French liner Blaska comes the news of the assassination of the captain of a Senegalese battalion stationed at Devil's Island by a fanatic of the battalion on October 15.

The dead officer's widow is a passenger by the French liner, which is also conveying the body to Europe for interment. From her it is learnt that on the eve of the captain's departure on furlough the assassin said to her: "The captain is so loved by the regiment that it is impossible he should leave us."

There were touching scenes when the captain summoned his company to say farewell. While he was chatting with the troops, many of whom were in tears, the fanatic struck him in the neck with a stiletto. The captain fell dead, and immediately two gendarmes arrested the assassin, who was promptly court-martialled and shot.

As a token of their grief the entire battalion voluntarily arranged a "three days' penitential fast, and resolved that one of their number should commit suicide as the Blaska left with the captain's body. The chosen volunteer threw himself into the Cayenne River, but was taken out in a state of collapse. The conduct of the troops is attributed to their fear that the captain's successor might not be so well loved.

## TRAGIC BREAKFAST WAIT.

London, Nov. 1.

The barrister, Mr. Douglas Henry Correll, who was killed at Stag Lane Aerodrome this morning, was in the habit of flying his own Moth plane to spend week-ends with his family at his country house in Suffolk.

He delayed his start to-day owing to fog, and realising that the light was too bad, tried to land, struck a fence, and was killed by burning to his machine.

His wife and children were actually waiting for him to join them at breakfast time.

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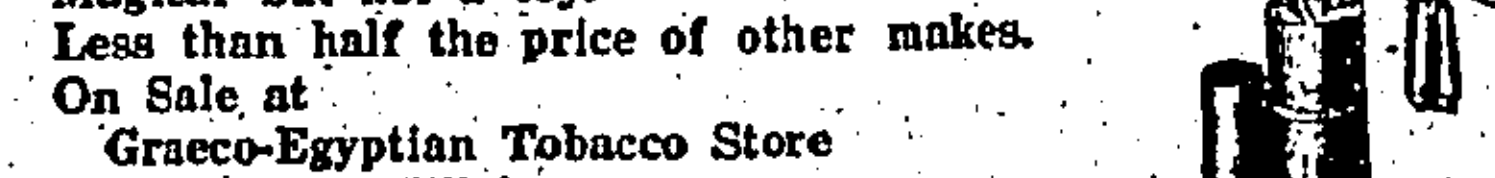
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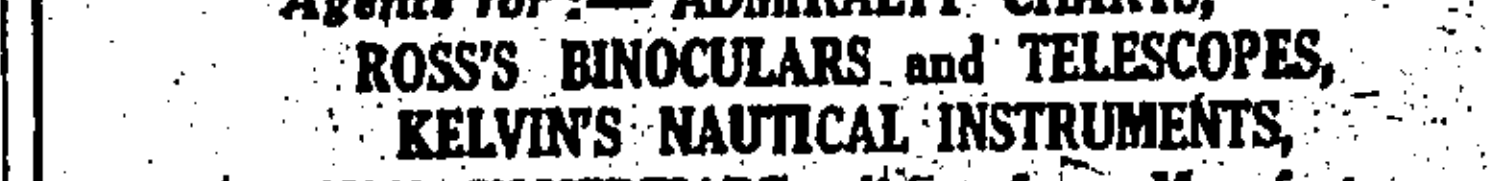
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## Sport Columns

### AGGRESSIVE NAVAL BATSMEN.

Army Total Passed by  
Weak Batting Side.

CONSISTENT BATTING.

[Playing on the H.K.C.C. ground yesterday the Royal Navy let the Army by 31 runs on the first innings of a two days' match.]

Taking first use of the wicket in their second match of the triangular tournament, the Army compiled a total of 185 runs. Lt. A. H. Musson was top scorer with an undefeated innings of 40 to his credit. Mr. J. C. Lyal, of the Kowloon Cricket Club, captured 4 wickets for 55 runs.

Early reverses did not have effect on the Naval side, and, with Glasz and Jowitt together they passed the military total, and eventually gained a lead of 31 runs on the first innings. Sig. Williams followed up his bowling feat against the Club by taking 5 wickets for 65 runs.

The match will be continued to-day.

Army—1st Innings.			
Lieut. R. V. Dewar-Durie, c	22		
Edwards, b Lyal, lb.w., b Jowitt	17		
Capt. N. A. Thorp, lb.w., b Jowitt	17		
Lieut. J. Haslewood, b Baker	20		
Lieut. A. H. Musson, not out	40		
Sig. J. Williams, lb.w., b Lyal	14		
Capt. R. G. Lockner, b Baker	7		
L/Cpl. F. W. Fry, lb.w., b Lyal	2		
Major R. M. Airey, lb.w., b Baker	26		
Lieut. M. H. F. Waring, b Jowitt	1		
Cpl. W. T. Davies, c Nash, b Glasz	7		
Pte. R. Salmon, c Edwards, b Lyal	19		
Extras	10		
Total	185		

Bowling Analysis.			
	O.	M.	R.
Jowitt	12	0	42
Moseley	2	0	22
Lyal	15	3	55
Baker	11	0	33
Glasz	3	3	9
Aylmer	2	0	9
Edwards	2	1	5
Navy—1st Innings.			
Lt.-Comdr. Squance, b Fry	3		
A.B. Nash, b Williams	4		
Sub-Lt. F. W. G. Edwards, c	12		
Durie, b Williams, c and b Musson	23		
Lt. C. L. Glasz, c and b Durie	23		
Mid. J. H. Barrett, c and b Durie	23		
Lt.-Comdr. Bramton, c Lockner, b Durie	22		
Sub-Lt. Moseley, c Durie, b Musson	1		
Mid. Jowitt, not out	53		
J. C. Lyal, b Williams	18		
Comdr. E. A. Aylmer, b Williams	7		
A.B. Baker, c Musson, b Williams	12		
Extras	6		
Total	216		

Bowling Analysis.			
	O.	M.	R.
Fry	14	1	51
Williams	16	2	63
Thorp	6	2	29
Musson	10	1	33
Durie	7	0	45
Total	53	6	221

### ARMY KNOCK OFF ARREARS WITHOUT LOSS.

FOUR WICKETS FALL AND 85  
RUNS AHEAD.

Play did not commence this morning until 11.15 a.m. as a token of respect to the memory of the late Rev. W. F. Cresthwaite, C.F.

Commencing their second innings 31 runs in arrears this morning the Army soon knocked off the runs, but with only 7 runs to the good Lt. Dewar-Durie was unfortunate to put one up to Baker off Jowitt. Capt. Thorp and Lt. Haslewood carried the score to 61 before the former stepped in front of a straight one from Lyal 61—2—25. Joined by Lt. Musson, Haslewood played steadily but with his score at 24 he edged a delivery from Glasz into the slips where Lyal brought off a good catch 81-3-24.

At the same total both Musson and Sig Williams were fortunate to survive two consecutive deliveries. The wicket-keeper made a valiant effort to catch Musson off the last ball of Glasz over which struck the bat high up, though he just reached the ball he failed to hold it. The first ball of Lyal's over was on the leg side and Williams went out to meet it, missed it, and only scrambled home in time.

At 116 Williams gave Jowitt a hard caught and bowled and the luncheon interval was then taken. Musson was playing delightful cricket and looks good for a lot of runs in this innings. At the luncheon interval the Army held a lead of 85 runs with six wickets in hand.

Army—2nd Innings.			
Lieut. R. V. Dewar-Durie, c	23		
Baker, b Jowitt	23		
Capt. N. A. Thorp, lb.w., b Lyal	25		
Lieut. J. Haslewood, c Lyal, b Glasz	24		
Lieut. A. H. Musson, not out	24		
Sig. J. Williams, c and b Jowitt	18		
Extras	13		
Total	116		

### THE SOUTH AFRICAN TEST TEAM.

Two Changes made in  
Victorious Side.

H. G. DEANE CAPTAIN.

The South African team for the second Test match at Capetown reveals two changes from the victorious eleven at Johannesburg. H. G. Deane comes back into his own and displaces E. P. Nupen in the captaincy, and causes the exclusion of S. Curnow. The other newcomer, A. J. Bell, displaces Viljoen, and should greatly help the bowling strength. The team selected is as follows:—

H. G. Deane (Transvaal) (Captain),  
H. W. Taylor (Transvaal),  
I. J. Siedle (Natal),  
B. Mitchell (Transvaal),  
R. H. Catterall (Transvaal),  
X. Balaskas (Griqualand West),  
H. B. Cameron (Western Province),  
Q. McMillan (Transvaal),  
E. P. Nupen (Transvaal),  
C. L. Vincent (Transvaal),  
A. J. Bell (Western Province).  
—Reuter.

### BRADMAN TOO GOOD FOR £10 A WEEK.

Little Chance of Being  
an English Professional.

HIS AMATEURISM.

There were rumours long before the Australian cricket team left for home that certain of them had been asked to return and play for counties and leagues in this country. The names most frequently mentioned were those of Don Bradman, Archie Jackson, Alan Fairfax, and Stanley McCabe. I questioned Bradman about these rumours, and also about the other that he intended to go to Oxford University, but he denied that there was any truth in the assertions, writes Trevor Wignall in the "Daily Express."

This was not surprising, for Clause 27 in the remarkable document which was officially described as the "Cricket Contract," and was signed by all the Australians, reads as follows: "Each and every player hereby specifically undertakes and agrees with the Board of Control that he will not return to England within two years from the completion of the official tour for the purposes of playing cricket." Many Australian newspapers this week, however, have said definitely that offers were made, the idea, according to them, being that those Australians who accepted should play for Lancashire League clubs until such time as they were qualified for the county. This, it will be recalled, was done by McDonald, the fast bowler, but not many hours had elapsed after the story was cabled across before Mr. Harry Rylance, on behalf of the Lancashire Cricket Club, denied the truth of it, £10 Too Little.

He added—and this is a point that should be more widely known—that five years ago Lancashire decided that only men born in the county were eligible to be played, and that since that time no one save Lancashire-born players had been signed on. The wages suggested, if the reports are to be credited, were £10 per week, but in addition of employment of some kind was to be found. All I can say in this connection is that if any one had the nerve to propose a weekly salary of £10 to Bradman he must have been met with the heartiest of hearty laughs. The young man from Bowral, who in recent days has caused severe dissensions in his own land, has ideas that do not begin to correspond with rewards of this kind, and it may have been noticed that on several occasions since he returned home he has been presented with gifts that represent about ten weeks' pay.

I feel certain in my own mind that we will never see Bradman in an English team as a professional. He may turn journalist, or take up a business career, but it is the safest bet in the world that he will never play cricket for £10 per week. Once again I would like to know where his amateurism—or, for that matter, that of other players—comes in when he can accept money from any one who cares to proffer it. He is not the first amateur cricketer to be recognised in this way, but the whole matter has now become such a screaming farce that it is difficult to write about it with seriousness. But there must be dozens of professional in England whose poor mouths must be sore from watering.

### COMMENTS ON LAST RUGBY MATCH.

The Superiority of the  
Rest Too Obvious.

POOR MARKING.

[By "Serum Hall"]

The match between England and The Rest last Saturday was one of the best of the season. There was that extra keenness which is brought out by every representative match. No quarter was asked and none expected, and consequently a thrilling struggle for supremacy was witnessed.

The marking of the three-quarters was good, although Lt. Galletley, who was proving himself a most dangerous player on the wing, did not receive every attention he should have got. Whenever the ball went out to Lt. Hamilton it was passed to advantage to Galletley, who invariably made a touch down. This was due to the fact that the England three-quarters were going more for the ball than their men. The player in possession is always dangerous, but he does not require the attention of two or three defenders—he has his opposite number, whose job it is to bring him down. Several times I noticed

### Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

CRICKET—To-day—Army v. Navy, H.K.C.C. Ground.  
New Year's Day—H.K.C.C. v. Navy; University, Past v. Present.

Saturday—Division I.—Civil Service v. Indian R.C. (L.); Hong Kong C.C. v. Navy (F.); Division II.—Recreio v. Hong Kong C.C. (L.); Indian R.C. v. Civil Service (L.); Police v. Kowloon C.C. (F.); R.A.S.C. v. Diocesan Boys' School (F.).

GOLF—Wednesday to Friday—R.H.K.G.C. New Year's Meeting.  
FANLING HUNT—Wednesday—Kennels, 3.15 p.m.  
New Year's Day—Point-to-Point: Meet at Potts' Bungalow, 3 p.m.

FOOTBALL—New Year's Day—League v. The Services (Charity Match).

Saturday—First Division—Royal Artillery v. Navy; Chinese Athletic v. Club; Police v. Argyle; Recreio v. South China; Kowloon v. St. Joseph's; Second Division—Navy v. Argyle; Borderers v. St. Joseph's; University v. Club; Eastern v. Chinese Athletic; Recreio v. South China; Kowloon v. Royal Artillery; Third Division—Borderers v. R.A.S.C.; Fukien v. Royal Engineers; R.A.O.C. v. South China; Royal Air Force v. Chinese Athletic.

BOXING—Saturday—Tournament, City Hall, 9 p.m.

FENCING—Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 8.45 p.m.

TENNIS—January 11—U.S.R.C. Tournament—First Rounds Close.

January 19—U.S.R.C. Tournament—Second Rounds Close.

RACING—January 18—Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

February 15—Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

ATHLETICS—March 15 and 16—Hong Kong v. Canton Universities.

ed Allera and Hamilton draw the defence and leave the path to the line open for their wing three-quarters. Galletley is too good a man to allow any such opportunity to go astray.

Centre "Threes."

Thus England were beaten by the strategic movements of the Rest's centre three-quarters. At forward I preferred the Rest pack. They were quicker down in the tight scrums and were one and all extraordinarily versatile in the loose. The line outs proved to be very one-sided—the Rest could either pass to their scrum-half or place the ball down in the loose and heel it back. This was due to the England forwards neglecting that important factor—jumping for the ball in every line out. Should the ball be thrown well along the line, it makes it all the more difficult for the player to whom the ball has been thrown to take this "pass" if there is one line of clamouring hands.

Reckless Kicking.

Another feature of the game was the reckless kicking of the full-backs. If a back cannot get rid of the ball into touch he should not attempt to do so, as with a kick that does not find touch, almost invariably, he places all his forwards off-side and allows the opposition to find a good touch or open up the game at their own discretion. On Saturday a duel between Whitlam and Frankham lasted for a few minutes before the latter at last found touch. Either back could have opened up the game, as the majority of the players were lying in "no man's land," but they contented themselves with trying to get the better of one another in kicking ability. But, taking it all round, the game was a good one and will, perhaps, remain the best of the present season.

## DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BOXING METHODS

AMERICAN AND BRITISH

THE BIG ADVANTAGE HELD BY  
AMERICAN YOUTHS.

SCIENCE REQUIRED

[By Dave Shade.]

What I have to say may hurt a bit. Truth often does. Anyway I have been invited to say, from what I have seen here, whether I think there is any cause for England's lack of world's boxing champions—any cause which might be removed; and I have to come right out with it, says Dave Shade in a Home paper.

I have seen very little boxing here, but I have seen some of your training quarters and your gymnasiums; and I say at once that the cause is there.

The contrast between facilities for young boxers here and in my own country is staggering to an American. In fact I have no hesitation in declaring that England is not breeding the class of boxer she should solely because the boys are not given the chances they deserve.

American Conditions.

If I describe the conditions in America the point will be plain. In New York there is a club called the New York Athletic Club—one of many, but the biggest of them all. It has a gymnasium which occupies the whole floor of a city block, and it cost a million dollars to equip.

In that gymnasium are numerous rings, developers, rowing machines, a dozen hand-ball courts, a swimming pool—every device for promoting the health and fitness of man.

The boxing instructors are well-paid experts. Now, any boy with any talent and desire to fight can go there, get fit, receive first-class instruction, and prepare for amateur boxing for nothing. The only obligation on him is that he shall wear the jersey of the New York Athletic Club and enter in the name of the club for his competitions. Thus, for nothing, he has the chance to reach the top class among amateurs, and then, if he wishes, he can enter the professional ranks.

Big Advantage.

He has this great advantage over your boys who turn professional: he has been properly grounded, from the time he draws on his first pair of gloves, in the art of self-defence.

In other words, he serves his apprenticeship in boxing just as a carpenter, an accountant, or an architect. Who pays? Well, it has been said that there are as many millionaires as there are boxers in New York. It costs £1,000 in entrance fees to join the New York Athletic Club. The club can afford to patronise boxing.

Is there any boxing instructor in this country receiving \$500 a year? Well, I have been offered £2,000 a year to leave the ring and instruct at a college. I am not bragging about it. The offer is not unusual, and, in fact, I have not accepted it. I am told that there is no such club in London as the New York Athletic Club. I am not blaming anyone for that. Money is tight just now in England. I am just stating the cause. Whether it is possible for wealthy Englishmen to

put down their money in the interests of sport and form clubs of the American type I must leave them to consider.

The impression of every American boxer who comes here is, I believe, the same—that English boxers are labouring under a great handicap as compared with other nations, and that if that handicap were removed England would produce some wonderful men.

Englishmen are too modest. They do not realise that boxing skill is their heritage. The British straight left is still the finest and most valuable punch in boxing—a match-winner every time.

A Proud Boast.

It is my proud boast that it was said of me, at a time when I was knocking out my opponents regularly, that I had the best left hand in the United States. Every English boy instinctively shoots out his left, whereas boys of other nations have to have it caned into them that the left lead is the most important principle of self defence. But even the English boy's straight left, plus his natural love of a fight, is not nearly enough to carry him to the top. What happens to him?

As I understand it, he starts fighting for a few shillings when he leaves school very fit, eager for a fight. He wins a few fights, goes to gymnasium to prepare for more, and just goes on until he is finished. I have looked at some of these gymnasiums. One here in London is a hole in the wall, no bigger than a room in a small house. Another was not even properly ventilated. The instruction was bad.

In America I have my own training camp out in the country, with an outdoor ring. Many other boxers are equipped in this way. And those who have yet to make the money to afford it can go to one of the big clubs.

Bitter Experience.

Your boys have many things in their favour. But they are forced to enter the ring as professionals without having had a proper grounding. There are so many things to learn—footwork, stance, swaying, all the blows and all the counter-blows: is it not obvious that the young professional equipped with the knowledge of self-defence has a tremendous advantage over the boy who has to learn these things by bitter experience against hardened men?

The very fact that so many, like Jimmy Wilde, Kid Lewis and Taddy Baldock, have survived this handicap and forced their way to the top shows the ingrained talent among your boys. But sheer boxing instinct is very rare.

There is an idea that the Englishman's straight left is laughed at in America. What we find with many of your boxers who come over is that they have that straight left and nothing more; and in many cases the left is not properly developed. They fall back on pure defence because they have never been properly taught how to attack.

If English boxing is backward, don't blame the boxers. Give them their chance.

### PRINCE OF WALES.

GIVING UP HIS STUD ON  
DARTMOOR.

London, Nov. 15.

The Prince of Wales is gradually giving up his hobby after hobby as he finds the pressure of his duties increasing.

Some time ago he sold his hunters officially because he could no longer find the time to hunt, but unofficially because the powers that be had suggested to him that he should take more care of his person.

Now he has still further severed his connection with his one-time favourite hobby—horses. He has decided to give up his stud on Dartmoor, where for many years he has been a keen breeder of hackneys, arabs and Dartmoor ponies.

He will, however, continue, on his Duchy of Cornwall estates, to breed the Dartmoor pony, but on a small scale, retaining only one stallion and a dozen mares. The secretary of the Duchy of Cornwall said "The Prince of Wales, like everyone else, has

### LOCAL HOCKEY.

ANOTHER K.B.S.F.P.A.  
VICTORY.

ARGYLLS LOSE.

In a fast and sporting game, played at King's Park yesterday afternoon the K.B.S.F.P.A. beat the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' team by two clear goals.

The first half saw much end to end play, with the Argylls a trifle erratic in front of goal with their shots. The K.B.S. took the lead a little before the interval through J. White.

On resumption, play became very fast, with both teams striving hard for points, but the K.B.S. managed to get in a second goal through T. Whitley, and maintained their lead to the end.

found that breeding horses is no longer a paying concern. He is anxious that the Dartmoor pony, however, shall not become extinct." —United Press.



## POST OFFICE NOTICE.

## GENERAL HOLIDAY.

On Thursday, January 1, 1931, the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

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New Year greetings are now accepted by Government Radio Office for transmission via Radio. Full particulars on application.

## INWARD MAILS

From	Per	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30.
Japan	St. Albans	
Shanghai and Amoy	Tai Yuan	
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31.		
Java and Manila	Tikembang	
Amoy and Swatow	Cremer	
Saigon	Maurice Long	
THURSDAY, JANUARY 1.		
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers, London, Dec. 4, and Parcels, Nov. 27)	Comorin	
FRIDAY, JANUARY 2.		
Japan and Shanghai	Ranchi	
London (Parcels, Nov. 20) and Straits	Helenus	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3.		
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, Dec. 13)	President Madison	
Australia and Manila	Nellore	
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4.		
Japan	Brisbane Maru	
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6.		
Japan and Shanghai	Sphinx	
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8.		
Straits	Yasukuni Maru	
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9.		
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 20)	Empress of Japan	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10.		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Dec. 12)	President Harrison	

## OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30.
Manila	Empress of Russia	3.30 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Sinking	3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Kochow	4 p.m.
Manila	President Cleveland	4.30 p.m.
Amoy and Japan	Ho Sang	5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31.		
Holhow and *Happong	New Mathilde	8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tai Yuan	3.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Lee Sang	5 p.m.
Cebu	Jason	5 p.m.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 1.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Deli Maru	8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tai Yuan	9 a.m.
Straits	Cremer	10.30 a.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 2.		
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	St. Albans	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Comorin	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Ranchi	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	(Due Marseilles, Jan. 30, 1931.)	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3.		
Parcels	G.P.O.	
Registration	Jan. 1, 4.30 p.m.	
Letters	Jan. 3, 9 a.m.	
Shanghai	Lee Sang	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4.		
Sandakan	Hin Sang	10 a.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Brisbane	Brisbane Maru	
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6.		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	1 p.m.

\*Superscribed correspondence only.

## AIRCRAFT CARRIERS DOOMED.

## Supersession by Giant Flying Boats Likely.

London, Nov. 5. The proposed trans-Atlantic flight of the giant German flying boat DO-X may sound the doom of the aircraft carrier, and pointed the way for a revolution in the whole system of naval aviation, according to some schools of thought in British naval circles. For the flight of the DO-X will have definitely opened the way for the construction of flying boats big enough to carry in their hulls two, or even three, small fighting aeroplanes and big enough and strong enough to accompany the fleets in practically any sort of weather. If further experience proves this right, and if British flying boats now building and, practically equalling the DO-X in size demonstrate sea-going qualities equal or superior to the DO-X, the next step, it is declared, will be the construction of some really gigantic military flying boats and the relegation of the present enormously expensive aircraft carriers to the scrap heap.

## Vulnerable Craft.

Such a move, it is believed, would be welcomed in all of the components of the navy, for the aircraft carrier is not only exceedingly expensive to build and maintain, but is probably the most vulnerable of any of the naval vessels. In conditions of actual warfare the enemy's first thought would probably be to concentrate on sinking its opponent's aircraft carrier and thus at the very outset of the battle leave a terrible gap in its fleet. Therefore the aircraft carrier has to be protected by special units which under war conditions the Commander-in-Chief can ill-spare from other vital duties.

But with the flight of the DO-X opening vistas of flying boats capable of operating on the water or in the air in bad weather, and backed up by a number of small machines carried by the flying boats themselves, many students of naval strategy foresee not only a complete revision of naval operations based on air co-operation with the fleet, but the formation of long-distance flying fleets accompanied by their own refuelling aircraft and operating entirely independently of waterborne fleets. Such a fleet might remain at sea for weeks, mostly resting or slowly cruising on the surface with one engine but ready at any moment to take to the air upon the approach of either hostile aircraft or naval fleets.

## Great Possibilities.

Such fleets, too, it is claimed, could patrol trade routes, protect their own merchant shipping, and at the same time by operating in groups of two or three, intercept and destroy enemy merchantmen, yet acting in full compliance with the laws of war. Such merchantmen would be halted by dropping a smoke bomb in the water off the bows of the merchantmen. Then one of the flying boats would alight and send aboard an officer and a couple of men to inspect papers and set a time limit for the abandonment of the ship. Meanwhile the second flying boat would circle high over head as a warning against any attempt at treachery on the part of the crew of the merchantmen. At the conclusion of the time-limit and upon evidence that the abandonment of the vessel was complete, it could either be bombed from the air or sunk by a time charge affixed to the vessel just below the waterline by the crew of the first flying boat.

Such fleets, it is claimed, could take over many of the duties now performed in war-time by destroyers and light cruisers, and do it with fewer units and at much less expense owing to the lower cost of construction of a flying boat as compared with a cruiser, the smaller crew required, and the much greater speed with which any given patrol route could be covered.—United Press.

## RESEARCH WORK IN TIBET.

## Solving Problems of Old Religions.

New Delhi, Nov. 10. Professor Tucci has just arrived at Srinagar from his Western Tibetan tour which he undertook in order to complete his researches already begun in Nepal. He has found a large number of texts and manuscripts which will help scholars to solve some of the most important and complex Indo-Tibetan problems, including that of the original religion of Tibet, the founder of Lamaism and the ancient relations between Tibet and India. Before Buddhism and for a long time side by side with it, there has been in Tibet another religion called Bon. Its contents and peculiarities were almost unknown to us. Fortunately researches in monasteries of Western Tibet proved fruitful. Texts have been found which contain the cosmogony and theology of Bonpos, their liturgy and rituals, lists of masters and gods. Some of these books are translations from the language of the Guge country, near Manasarovar, and show evident influence of Indian thought. The cosmogony on the other hand suggests Iranian influences. These books will enable a solution of many other questions such as that of the relations between the Bonpos and the so-called founder of Lamaism, Padma Sambhava. The personality itself of this master is almost a mystery. His original system is even less known. His biographies handed down to us are not only imperfectly investigated but fundamentally legendary.

An Ancient Manuscript. Professor Tucci has succeeded in bringing back not only various collections of texts belonging to his school which shed great light on his doctrines and their connection with other systems of India and Iran, but also an ancient manuscript containing an unknown biography of Padma Sambhava based upon more historical foundation. The country from which Padma Sambhava hailed is said to have been Urygan, identified either with Orissa or some part of Orissa or some part of Bengal or with Swat. Two itineraries of Tibetan pilgrims have been found which show beyond any doubt that the last identification only is the right one.

One of these itineraries, by a contemporary of Kublikhan contains much geographical and historical information, of great value, specially for North India, Kashmir, Afghanistan and the routes from Tibet to India. These itineraries are supplemented by the biography of a Buddhist saint of the 15th century who travelled all over India up to Persia, the Maldives where he found Buddhism still flourishing, Ceylon, Java and some islands near Australia. It sheds unexpected light upon Indian Buddhism of later times. The Tibetan chronicles have not been published with the only exception of those of Ladak recently edited by Dr. Franke.

Tibetan Chronicles. A manuscript containing these chronicles of Tibet has been copied by Professor Tucci. In its first chapter dealing with the origin of Tibet, this book embodies many myths and legends but after Srong-tsan Gampo, the first great King of Tibet of the 8th century, who adopted Buddhism, it represents almost the only historical record to which we have now access, as it gives a complete account of Tibetan events up to the 14th century, chronologically arranged and generally trustworthy.

It cannot be ignored by those interested in Tibetan history. All these texts have at the same time a great bearing upon Indian culture from 8th to 15th century, so little known as yet, and point out once more the great importance of Tantricism. This, in fact, was almost the only vehicle by which

## EXCHANGES, TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—  
Bank, wire ..... 1/1 3/4  
Bank, on demand ..... 1/1 3/4  
Bank, 4 months' sight ..... 1/1 3/4  
Credits, 4 months' sight ..... 1/2 1/16  
Documentary, 4 months' sight ..... 1/2 3/16  
On Paris—  
On demand ..... 690  
Credits, 4 months' sight ..... 730  
On New York—  
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Credits, 60 days' sight ..... 28 3/16  
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Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer vehicle now  
playing in the Queen's Theatre.

The picture has Haines as a chap  
fresh from college, with a diploma,  
a swelled head, and a bagful of  
"wise-cracks." The plot depicts  
his adventures trying to get his  
first job and his early struggles  
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Haines starts with pranks and  
comedy; he meets a girl in an office  
and falls in love with her; gets his  
first job; his father dies and he  
shoulders the responsibility for the  
family—and a whirlwind finish  
sees him "come through." The  
hilarious incidents include an au-  
tomobile elopement and details of  
an actual, Wall Street brokerage  
house in full operation in the heat  
of trading. The human interest lies  
in the intimate touches of family  
life. Comedy at a college party, a  
night club, and the breaking up of  
a wedding add the typical Haines  
whimsicalities.

Sam Wood directed the picture  
with the same deft skill that marks  
his "So This Is College." Lella  
Hyams, who played opposite the  
star in "Alias Jimmy Valentine,"  
appears as a heroine who is not  
only charming to gaze upon, but a  
very accomplished actress as well,  
and Francis X. Bushman, jun.,  
plays the "heavy" as McAndrews,  
the office manager. Junior Coghlan,  
his "masochist" in "Slide, Kelly,  
Slide," contributes comedy as the  
small brother, and Polly Moran and  
Marie Dressler get in a couple of  
howls of mirth.

### "IN GAY MADRID."

Ramon Novarro is seen to advan-  
tage in "In Gay Madrid," an all-  
talking and singing adaptation of  
an old Spanish classic, which is  
showing at the Queen's Theatre  
to-morrow.

The story concerns the love of a  
Madrid actor for a demure Santiago  
senorita. His infatuation for a  
dancer, however, endangers the ro-  
mance and leads to a duel with the  
brother of the girl he loves.

The settings are magnificently  
executed and in keeping with the  
charm and romance of old Spain in  
which the story is set.

In supporting roles are Dorothy  
Jordan, Leticia Howell, Claudio  
King, Beryl Mercer, Herbert Clark,  
David Scott and others, all of whom  
give adequate performances.

### "CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD."

Many beautiful torchlight scenes,  
both of the village peasants  
dancing and singing their folk  
songs, and of the determined men  
of Marseilles marching on to victory,  
in the French Revolution, are arti-  
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screen by Director John S. Robert-

son in Universal's tremendous ro-  
mantic drama "Captain of the  
Guard," which is now being shown  
in the Central Theatre and which  
will be shown for the last time to-  
morrow.

Five beautiful songs, all especial-  
ly written by Charles Wakefield  
Cadman and Rex Roshmold, are  
sung by John Boles. These songs,  
which include tender love songs and  
stirring battle numbers, are in ad-  
dition to the tremendous music of  
"La Marseillaise," France's immor-  
tal national hymn, which Boles also  
sings in the picture. Laura La  
Plante is starred with the singing  
star, and such outstanding players  
as Sam de Grasse, Lionel Belmore,  
James Marcus, Stuart Holmes, and  
many others play important parts.  
Here is a picture that no one should  
miss.

### A LOST REPUTATION.

### "THE IRON VIRGIN OF

### NUREMBERG."

Berlin, Nov. 6.  
The many visitors who in the  
course of years have gazed with  
feelings of horror at the Iron Virgin  
of Nuremberg, will be relieved to  
learn that this sinister lady is a  
hollow sham, and that no unhappy  
victims were done to death in her  
spiked interior in the dark days of  
the fifteenth century, for she her-  
self first saw the light of day in a  
local smithy in 1867.

The Iron Virgin is the show piece  
of that astonishing collection of in-  
struments of torture stored in the  
famous pentagonal tower of the  
castle which dominates the town.  
Among them are rolling pins with  
spikes with which victims were wont  
to be vigorously massaged, a cradle  
with a spiked interior in which they  
were rocked, and other terrifying  
contrivances. Most terrifying of  
all is the Iron Virgin, a placid  
mediaeval citizeness whose flowing  
cloak opens to show an interior ar-  
med with murderous iron spikes. The  
hapless victim, as the guides would  
tell the tourists, was placed within  
the cloak, the two halves of which  
slowly closed upon him. It was  
rumoured that there had once been  
a trap door underneath the Iron  
Virgin which opened to let the body  
fall into a stream far below.

The Iron Virgin was in private  
ownership, and the owner recently  
died, leaving his collection to the  
town. It was then found, accord-  
ing to the Deutsche Zeitung, that  
his father-in-law, from whom he in-  
herited the collection, had had a  
wooden figure made by a carpenter  
at Eibach, a village near Nurem-  
berg. The carpenter's son still lives  
and remembers the making of the  
figure. The story was also entrusted  
to him, with strict injunctions  
to secrecy, by his mother. After-  
wards a blacksmith of Eibach and  
other helpers covered the figure with  
iron plates, and thus the Iron Virgin  
took shape in 1867. The original  
owner, an antiquary, had difficulty  
in paying for her, and raised the  
money by a puppet peepshow.

Belgium has officially accepted  
the invitation to take part in the  
World's Grain Exhibition and Con-  
ference at Regina, from July 25 to  
August 6, 1932. Some little time  
ago official invitations were sent  
from the Dominion Government to  
participate and a number of these have  
already signified their desire to do  
so. They include Peru, Yugoslavia,  
Guatemala, New Zealand, Poland,  
Czechoslovakia, The Netherlands  
and Belgium.

## Gold Rush Veteran



Up along Rocky, Lightning and  
Williams creeks in the Cariboo  
district of British Columbia where  
the gold stampede of 1864 is still  
a vivid memory, Big Mouth Jack  
(above) who came from China as a  
boy and entered the gold country  
in 1865, worked 66 years to earn a  
stake which would take him back  
to China to live in luxury the rest  
of his days. Fortune, however,  
proved unkind and Big Mouth  
made only enough to live on. A  
few days ago the aged Chinese  
prospector, now 85, was a passen-  
ger on the Canadian Pacific liner

Empress of Canada and on his  
way to end his days in the land of  
his ancestors. Members of the  
Chinese colonies of Williams Creek,  
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Quesnel in the Cariboo district  
took up a collection which is  
sending Big Mouth back to China.  
Still strong at 85, Big Mouth lived  
for 66 years in the Cariboo district  
without a single trip to the outside.  
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the liner for China he saw his first  
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which he called "devil wagons" and  
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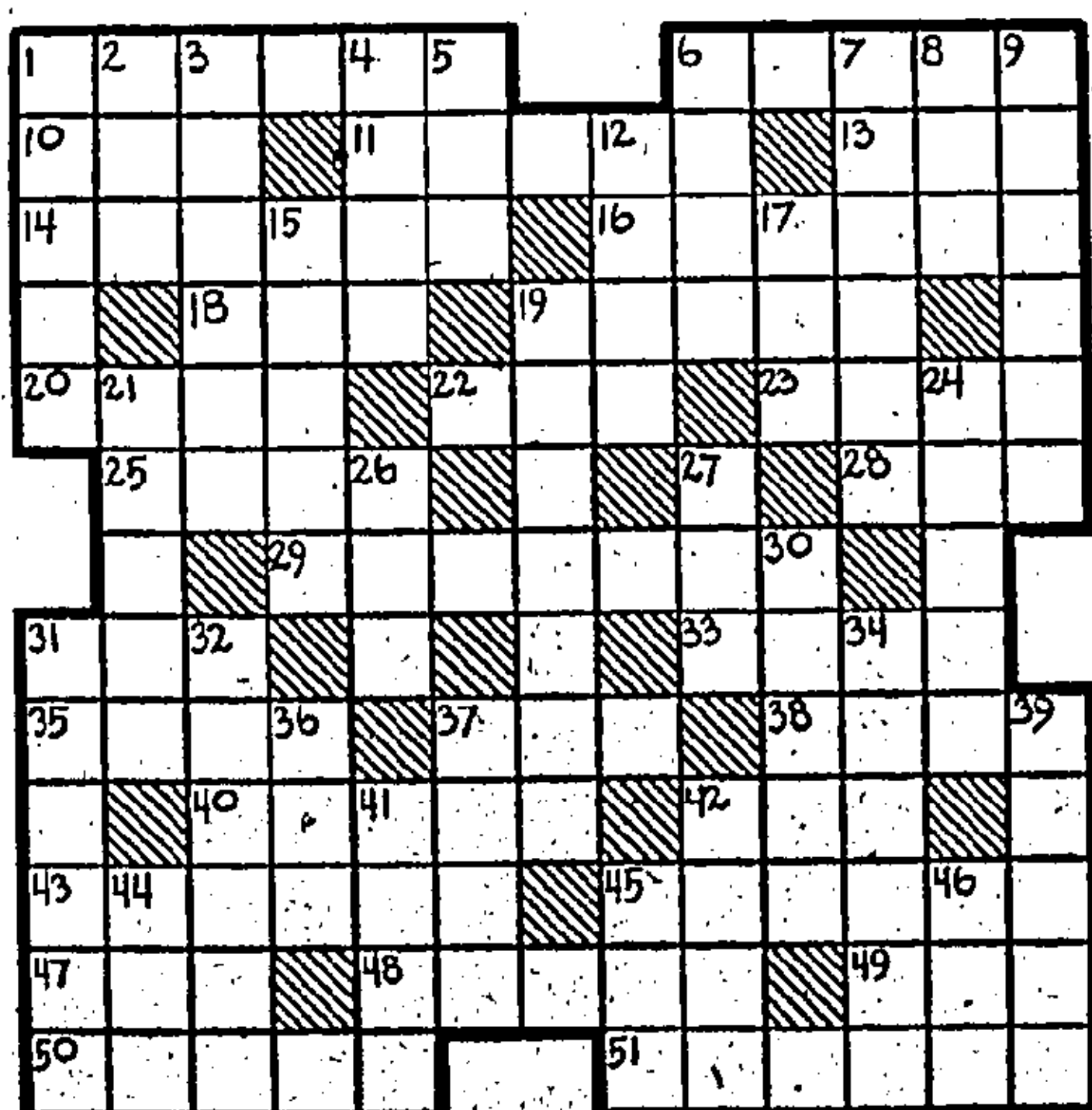
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



**HORIZONTAL**  
1-A dried grape  
6-Stake marking course in aerodrome  
10-An eagle  
11-A nautical unit of measure  
14-Made full  
16-Treacle  
18-Vapor  
19-Plainer  
20-A city in Nevada  
22-Observed  
23-Narrate  
25-Feminine name  
26-A falsehood  
28-The state of grain stalks  
31-A taste  
33-Contrasted  
35-Saucy

**HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**  
37-A wage  
38-A group  
40-Greased  
42-Overs contracted  
43-Clipped  
45-In a drinking state  
47-Wither  
48-To one side  
49-Diminutive suffix  
50-Dangerous woman  
51-Ascenda

**VERTICAL**  
1-Allude  
2-Arizona (abbr.)  
3-Remote from the sea  
4-River in Bohemia  
5-Bow the head  
6-Indignant  
7-An evergreen shrub  
8-Flow metal  
9-Fordie  
12-Haul  
13-King of bees (pl.)  
17-Of main  
19-Gabbiad  
21-Walrus  
24-To represent as similar  
26-Consumed  
27-A tree  
30-Anxious  
31-Wastes  
32-Correct  
33-A king of Persia  
34-End  
37-Cole  
38-Openings in a fence  
41-Thin  
42-River in Germany  
44-Queen number  
45-Feminine name  
46-Flemish coin (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

## RADIO TOPICS

### RADIO TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres:-

5 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records selected and supplied by the Anderson Music Co.

5-6 p.m.—Variety.  
Organ Duet—  
The Moonlight Reminds Me of You, Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Crawford (22413).

Organ Solo—  
It Happened in Monterey, Jesse Crawford (22413).

Humorous Song—  
The Return of Abdul Amir, Frank Crumit (22482).

Orchestral—  
Chloe, Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra (35912).

Humorous Song—  
My Lover, Grace Hayes (22388).

Orchestral—  
Italian Airs, Victor Novelty Orchestra (22429).

Cornet Solo & Band—  
My Heaven of Love, Del Stalgers (22429).

Song—  
Alabama Lullaby, Gene Austin, Tenor (22539).

Hawaiian Orchestra—  
Southern Melodies, Walter Kolomoiki's Honoluluians (35917).

Singing with Guitars—  
Jimmie's Texas Blues, Jimmie Rogers (22379).

Orchestral—  
Gypsy Souvenir, Hungarian Flower, Hungarian Rhapsody Orch. (35929).

Pianoforte Duet—  
After You've Gone, St. Louis Blues, Thomas Waller-Bonnie Paine (22371).

6-6.30 p.m.—Children's Programme from the Studio.

6.30-7.15 p.m.—Orchestral.

Sakuntala—Overture, Victor Symphony Orchestra (22535-6).

Perpetual Motion, Berlin State Opera Orchestra (4127).

Masked Ball Selections, Creator's Band (38006).

In the Mountain Pass, In the Mosque, Victor Symphony Orchestra (38017).

Minuet from "Beau Brummel", Wand of Youth, London Symphony Orchestra (9472).

7.15-7.45 p.m.—A Concert.

Song—  
Jack O'Hazelden, Mary Garden, Soprano (7245).

Violoncello—  
Allegro, Adagio, Pablo Casals (7258).

Song—  
Kathleen Mavourneen, John McCormack, Tenor (6778).

Violin Solo—  
Rondo.

Adoration... Renee Chemet (7253).  
7.45-8 p.m.—Carmen Suite.  
Gypsy Dance, Los Dragones d'Alcala, Philadelphia Symphony Orch. (6873).

March of the Smugglers, Soldiers Changing the Guard, Philadelphia Symphony Orch. (6874).

8 p.m.—Ko Shing Theatre Relay.

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

### RADIO DEVELOPMENT.

As a further evidence of radio development in Australia comes the wireless telephone between Australia and New Zealand. Already the New Zealand Government is moving in this connection, having ordered from Amalgamated Wireless the necessary plant. In six months this service may be working. Technical details have been completed for the immediate establishment of wireless beacons at 20 of the principal lighthouses on the Australian coast. With these in operation no matter how dense might be a fog, or how tempestuous the weather, no ship equipped with direction finding equipment could or ashore through losing its way. Marine disasters would still be possible, but all the while, by means of the radio beacon, the captain would know exactly where he was. Recently an automatic wireless distress transmitter was invented and produced in Australia, which would permit of the operator leaving a sinking ship by the first boat if such a course was desirable. This instrument can be set in action by any one at the touch of a switch. Once started it sends out the SOS and the name of the ship every few seconds. In another half-minute the ship's position also goes forth, and so the distress signal, the ship's name, and position are continuously radiated until either the vessel sinks or someone switches off the transmitter. This invention is designed primarily for the small ships, 168 in number, in the Australian intra-State trade, which are not required by law to carry wireless.

Radio Guides for Aircraft. Similarly, all is ready for the establishment of radio guides for aircraft. The whole problem has been the subject of experiment; it has all been worked out. In a few months Australia could be made safe for flying, at least so far as guidance of the pilots is concerned. Forced landings arising from mishaps to the plane might still occur, but even then the pilot, with the aid of radio, could communicate with the world. For small planes on

well-defined routes, such as Melbourne-Sydney-Brisbane, only a radio receiver would be necessary. Engineers could lay down a scheme of radio beacons on land, receivers or transmitters in planes, which would enable any pilot to find his way anywhere at any time, and to know always just where he was. Pictures could be transmitted also by wireless from Australia to London. They already have been. From a technical point of view it would be possible—and practicable—to establish a service for the instantaneous transmission of pictures between Australia and any country in the world. Events of interest, happening in Britain and Europe could be illustrated next day in the Press. The broadcasting stations will shortly add picturegrams to their service. Already this is being done in other countries, and approval has been given for a service to start in Sydney and Melbourne. This will enable radio listeners to receive on special attachments to their sets pictures of current events broadcast by wireless.

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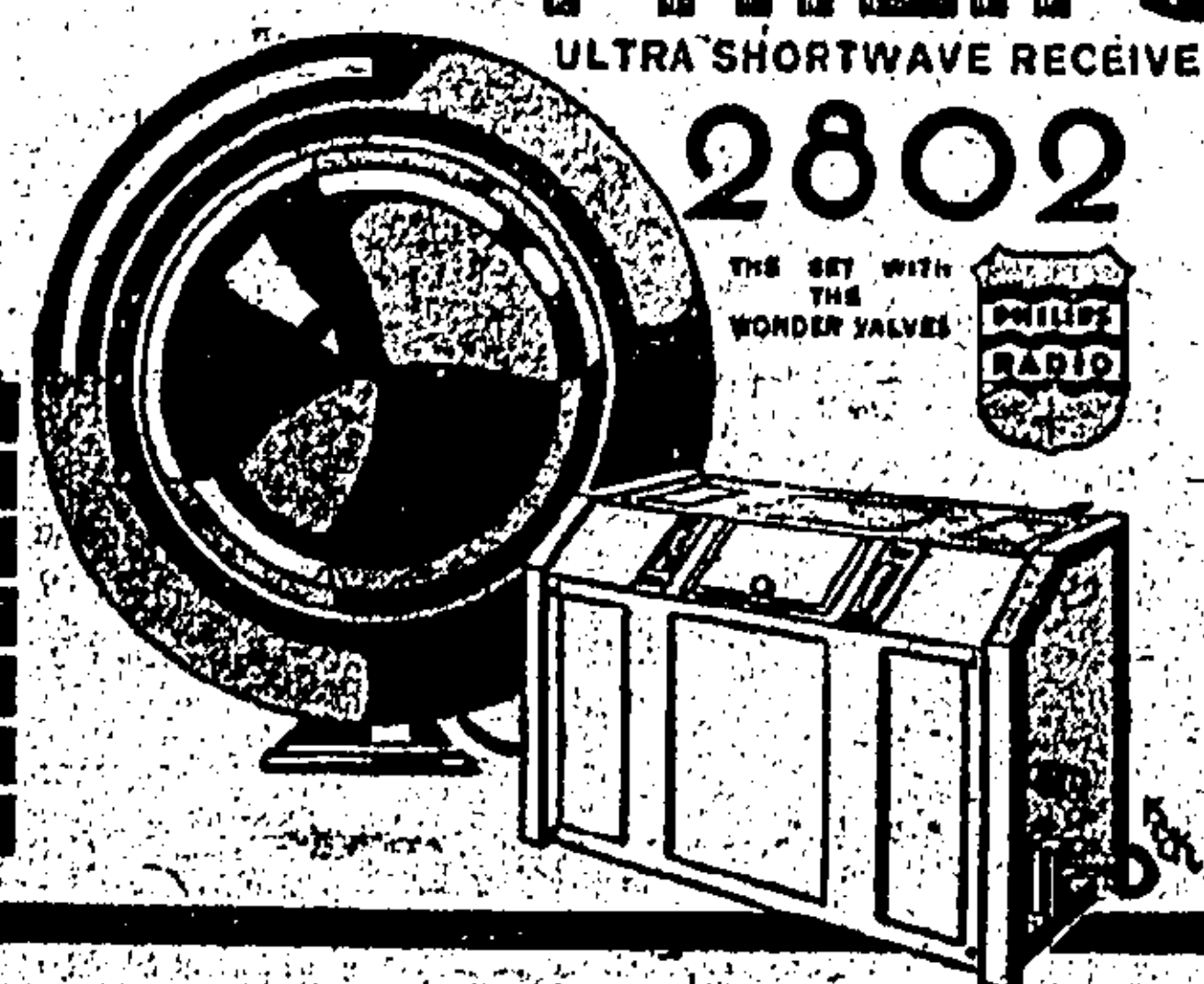
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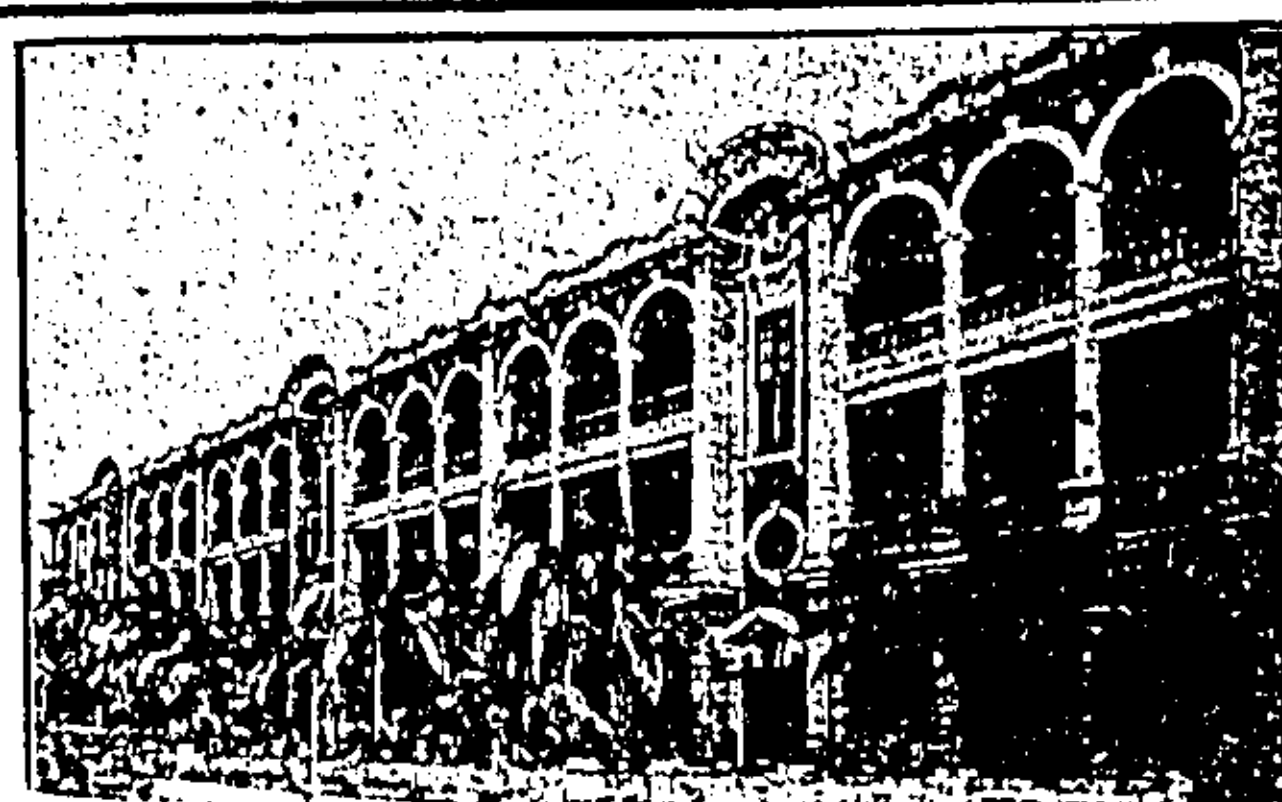
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### BURGLARY CHARGES

TWO UNEMPLOYED CHINESE  
 TO BE TRIED.

After a remand of one week, two unemployed Chinese, Chan Ming (21), and Chan Sik-tin (14), again appeared before Mr. Butters in the Kowloon Magistracy to-day on a charge of breaking into No. 293, Laichikok Road, and stealing two rattan baskets containing \$24 in money, four finger rings, a pair of ear-rings and 35 pieces of female clothing, the property of Wan Tai, an amah. An additional charge of receiving a basket containing 24 pieces of clothing valued at \$21, was preferred against the second accused. The first accused was also charged with receiving a rattan basket containing \$24, a pair of ear-rings, four gold finger-rings, and 11 pieces of clothing, and with the theft of a gramophone valued \$22, from No. 61, Nam Cheung Street, the property of Chan Hoi-sing, a photographer, and receiving the same.

A plea of not guilty was entered and the case was fixed for hearing on January 16, bail of \$1,000 each being allowed.

### CABLE PROFITS.

### TRAFFIC RECEIPTS OF IMPERIAL COMMUNICATIONS, LTD.

We are informed by the Hong Kong Branch of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., Ltd., that the estimated traffic receipts of the Imperial and International Communications, Ltd., for November, 1930, were £402,886, and the receipts for November, 1929, £512,163. The aggregate receipts from January to November were £4,929,154 in 1930 and £5,628,629 in 1929.

The Vancouver Creosoting Company is extending its plant considerably to include the building of a new wharf of creosoting piling and timber, which will increase the pier's accommodation by 27,000 square feet; a new treating cylinder unit and two creosote oil storage tanks with a storage capacity of 2,000,000 gallons and a large, specially designed, incising machine capable of incising timber up to 24 square inches. The improvements under way will increase the capacity of the plant by 50 per cent.

### DARING HOLD-UP OF CANTON TRAIN.

Passengers Kidnapped  
 by Bandits.

OVER \$3,000 STOLEN.

Canton, Yesterday.  
 The passenger and freight train on the Canton-Shaochow line, which left Wangsha on December 26 at 3.20 p.m. for Yunnan, was held up by a number of bandits at 5.15 p.m. while reaching Hung Pang Kiang, about 15 li from the Kuntien station. All the passengers were driven to a corner and were searched one by one for their valuables and moneys which were estimated at a loss of a little over \$3,000. Among the passengers, 13 who were regarded to be wealthy persons, were subsequently kidnapped by the bandits for ransom.

### Train Boarded.

According to a report, three bandits first jumped up to a coal car while passing the Kun Tien station, without the knowledge of the engineer, who was forced with pistols to obey the orders of the bandits. The engineer was instructed to stop the train when reaching Hung Pang Kiang, where over 20 bandits boarded the train and took complete control of it.

### Future Precaution.

In order to guard against the activities of bandits on the Canton-Shaochow line, Director Chan Yin-mui has submitted a report to General Chan Chai-tong asking for adequate protection on that line. It is understood that a squad of gendarmes will escort the train running on this line daily.—Canton News Agency.

### HELLO AMERICA!

'PHONE CALLS NOW ACCEPTED  
 FOR CANADA & CUBA.

### Rugby, Yesterday.

The Postmaster-General announces that from January 1 calls will be accepted in the trans-Atlantic telephone service for all parts of Canada and Mexico instead of principal towns only, and will thus be available to the whole of the North American continent, including Cuba.—British Wireless Service.

### "ON THE BORDER."

ALLEGED SEDITION CASE FALLS  
 TO GROUND.

Considering it to be a border line case, Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, discharged Yau Kwai (26), a foki employed at the Talkoo Sugar Refinery, who appeared on a remand charge from yesterday of the unlawful possession of seditious documents, which were likely to cause a breach of the peace, at Quarry Bay.

Detective-Sergeant Kennedy, who prosecuted, said that he had consulted the C.D.I. and the A.D.C.I., and had been instructed to leave the case entirely in his Worship's hands. There were no further facts.

His Worship said that he considered it to be a border line case, and that the documents were not sufficiently damaging to warrant any conviction. He discharged the defendant accordingly.

### THEFT OF CLOTH.

POLICE OFFICIAL FROM  
 SWATOW SENTENCED.

Stated to be a Police official from Swatow, Tai Kam-fai was fined \$50, or two months' imprisonment, at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day, for unlawful possession of a roll of cloth in Temple Street.

When accosted he said he had purchased it from the Hung Hing shop, but on enquires the foki of the shop denied selling the cloth to him. Moreover, no cloth of that description was stocked by them.

Accused told a complicated story when questioned by Mr. Butters this morning, involving fights, friends, gambling, and trumped-up charges, which eventually led to his reason for saying that he had bought the cloth.

### SIR GEOFFREY SALMOND.

Reaches Delhi After Bad Weather Delay.

New Delhi, Nov. 21.

Two R.A.F. machines, with Air Chief Marshal Sir Geoffrey Salmond, left Calcutta on November 19, but owing to bad weather the Wapiti machine with Sir Geoffrey landed at Anasol, while the Hanadi machine returned to Calcutta.

Both machines reached Allahabad the next day and arrived at Delhi at noon to-day.

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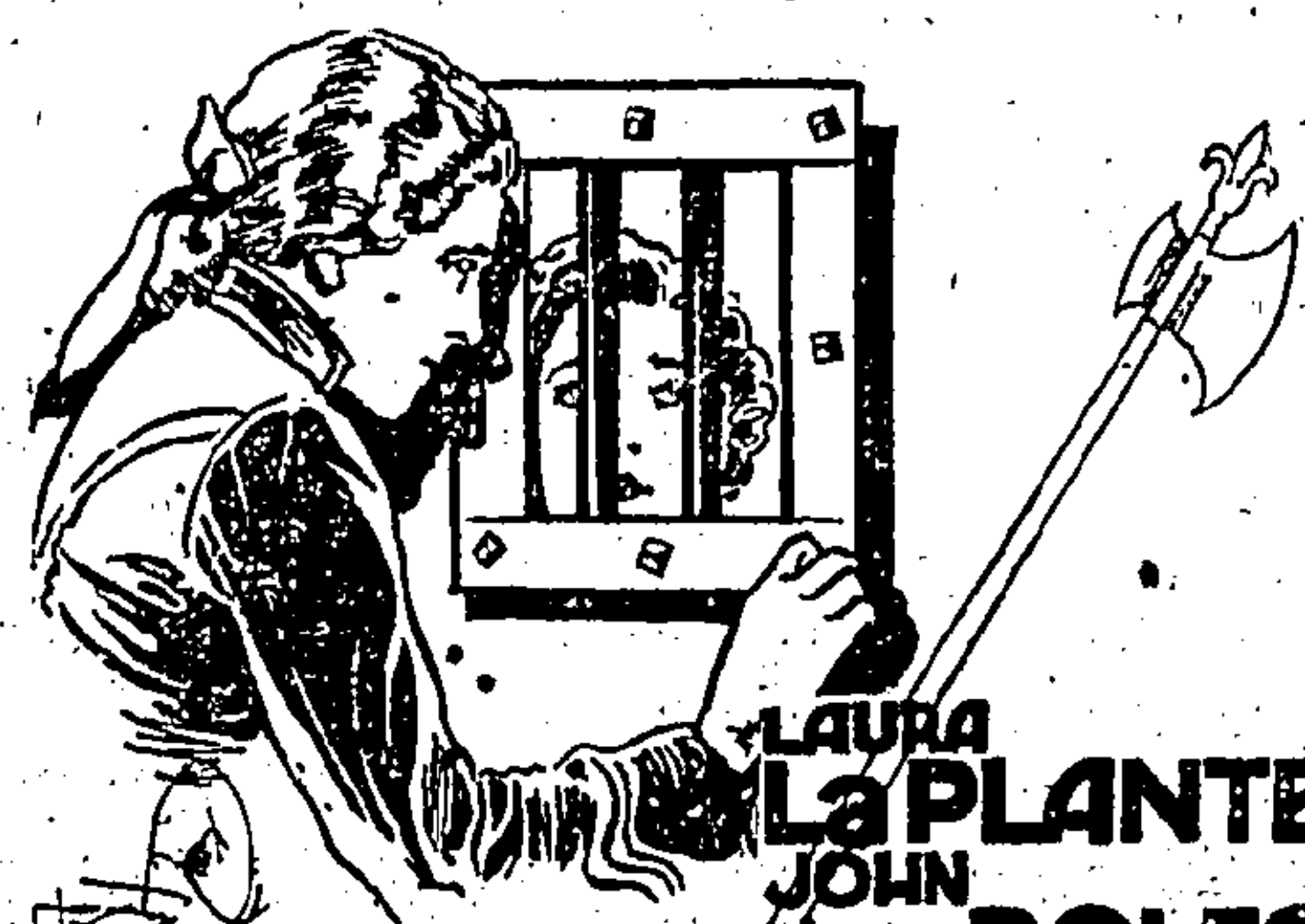


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